

# Lordswood Youth Football Club

## Codes of Conduct 2025/26

### Young Players

#### When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

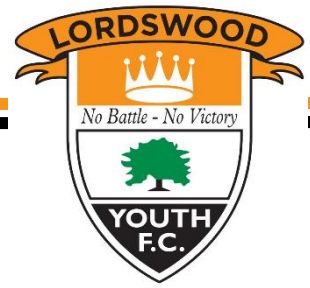
**I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Kent FA or The FA:**

#### I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

#### In addition:

- My club, Kent FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/Kent FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.



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### Parent/Guardians and Spectators

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

#### I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach(es) do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- I will leave a period of 24 hours to discuss any issues regarding team selections, substitutions or any other matter relating to tactical decisions, to allow time for reflection

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:**

#### I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or Kent FA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

#### In addition

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.



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### Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

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#### On and off the field, I will:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.

#### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interest.

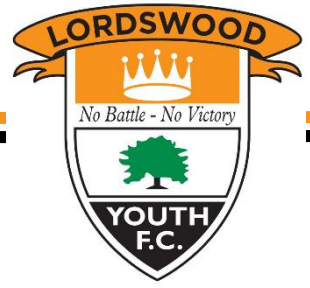
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#### I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or Kent FA Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the Kent FA
- Required to leave the club.

#### In addition:

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn



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By signing, you agree to uphold these Codes of Conduct, and understand the actions that may be taken by the club, Kent FA or The FA if I do not.

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| <b>Signature</b>   |  |
| <b>Date</b>        |  |

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| <b>Parent/Guardian</b> |  |
| <b>Signature</b>       |  |
| <b>Date</b>            |  |

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| <b>Coaches Name</b> |  |
| <b>Signature</b>    |  |
| <b>Date</b>         |  |