



Code of Conduct

For Players, Parents, Guardians and Managers

An open letter to all parents and guardians

"We are proud of our reputation of being a football club which puts its players first.

By signing on for Cavaliers FC, your child will be expected to follow the club's Code of Conduct. By doing so, we are sure that he/she will enjoy their time with us, making many new friends and in the process develop into a decent young person.

This said, you are the greatest influence in your child's life, and we expect you to fully meet the parental/guardian obligations contained within this document. You are also asked to read the whole of this document, as there are many other things that you need to be aware of.

However, we recognize that if you and your child are expected to meet certain obligations, then you can expect some rights in return. What you can expect from your child's manager and the club's committee is clearly laid out also.

So that we know you have received a copy of this Code of Conduct, please return a simple dated letter to your manager bearing both your and your child's signature.

Many thanks in anticipation of your co-operation."

Cavaliers FC Committee

The Parents/Guardians Code

You are expected to :-

- Support your child on match days by putting up/taking down goals, nets, corner flags, etc. This leaves your child's manager free to warm-up & cool down your child properly.
- Respect the officials decisions, even offering to officiate yourself on occasions (even mums!)
- Wash the kit (usually 3 to 4 times per season)
- Live your own life, don't live it "through" your child
- Attend as many matches as you can, but respect your child's request not to do so which might happen as they get older
- Help your child meet their obligations of this Code
- Accept that your child is playing for their enjoyment not yours
- Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game

- Understand that teamwork and effort are as important as winning, there is no disgrace in defeat
- Never ridicule or shout at, any young player – praise them or keep quiet
- Set an example – applaud good play by both teams
- Help remove all forms of abuse in soccer be it verbal, physical or racial, relax and enjoy the game
- Recognise the value and importance of the manager/coaches who give up their time to help young people
- Ensure your child completes their school homework before attending training sessions
- Ensure your child eats a healthy, well balanced diet – it's best to start early
- Fully support the club's fund raising activities – remember it's your child's club
- Never force your child to play football, but if they want to, then encourage them to develop their skills through coaching
- Pay any fines imposed from red or yellow cards promptly
- Ensure that any family or friends you bring along to support are made aware of our Code of Conduct

The Players Code

To be a player with Cavaliers FC you must:-

- Be well behaved at training, before and after matches and at any event where you are representing Cavaliers FC – this includes no swearing
- Wear shin pads, preferably with in-built ankle protection, both when training or playing in a match, together with clean fully studded football boots
- Be appropriately dressed – be smart at club events, shirts tucked in and socks pulled up during games, warm and waterproof clothing for training in winter
- Eat a healthy, well balanced diet and always bring a drink to training and to matches
- Play for fun, not just to please your parents/guardians or manager
- Play by the rules at all times, no cheating or deliberate fouling
- Respect the officials decisions
- Control your temper – and your mouth, don't criticise your team mates
- Never give up – the game's not lost until it's won!
- Be fair and a good sport, shake hands with the opposition at the end of matches without having to be told to do so, by your manager
- Don't be selfish, co-operate with your team, the referee and your opponents – without them you would not have a game
- Be punctual for training and matches
- Pay your weekly subs, on time and in manner which your manager wants them paying
- Do not do anything illegal (eg smoking, drinking alcohol, taking drugs, etc) AT ALL TIMES
- Read the whole of this document, there are other things you need to be aware of (for example – doing your homework before attending training)

The Managers Code

He or she will :-

- Place great emphasis on enjoyment and fun

- Be fair and unbiased in team selection and the use of substitutes and make decisions based on behavior and attitude, as well as ability
- Recognise that children playing football at under 9 and under 10 level don't see winning as all important and that from under 11's onwards they need different things out of their football
- Adopt a coaching method and style that meets the requirements of their players, recognising that children develop at different rates, and react differently to the same pressures
- Behave in a manner suitable for young children, they will not swear or behave in an improper or unsuitable way
- Always encourage members of the team, and teach them to play by the rules ensuring there is no physical, verbal or racial abuse
- Properly warm-up/cool down your child, therefore minimise the risk of injury
- Set an example by being friendly to the opposition, being relaxed and enjoying the game
- Never shout at players for making a mistake or failing to do something, they will never sneer or use sarcasm
- Control his/her temper – and mouth
- Be a good sport, recognise good football – even when it comes from the opposition
- Respect the referee's decisions
- Have a first aid kit at all training/matches and ensure that there is someone qualified to use it
- Be equipped with appropriate training equipment and be either qualified or experienced to use it, in order that we can help develop your child's skills
- Relax and enjoy games

The Committee's Code

The committee will :-

- Initiate fund raising activities, ensuring all monies raised are channeled back into kit, equipment and facilities for the players benefit
- Maintain accounts and have them annually and independently audited, informing all parents/guardians if there is ever any doubt as to the amount of weekly subs being submitted by your child's age group
- Consider any grievances you may have, and notify you of any course of action that we deem appropriate
- Inform the police and social services of the names of any newly appointed manager/coach

Welcome to Cavaliers Football Club