SLIMBRIDGE AFC CODE OF CONDUCT

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Football is a game that should be played in a spirit of friendship. The game should be enjoyed by players, match officials, and spectators alike.

PLAYERS

The Club expects fair play at all times.

- Shake hands with match officials and opponents after the game (whatever the result).
- Do not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents, or spectators.
- Do not use foul or abusive language towards officials, opponents, or supporters.
- Let the referee handle incidents in the game. Do not retaliate against opponents.
- Do not applaud sending-off or the errors of opponents.
- Treat the changing rooms and facilities of all clubs you visit with respect.
- Teamwork, effort, and enjoyment are just as important as winning. Learn to win and lose with dignity.
- Remember you are representing your Club. Be sensible and enjoy yourself.

OFFICIALS (Team Managers, Coaches, Club Officials etc.)

Officials, particularly managers, have a crucial role to play in the game.

- Encourage your players to play in the correct spirit.
- Do not abuse your own players or those of the other team.
- Handle any unruly behaviour among your spectators before it gets out of hand.
- Do not use foul or abusive language to match officials, players, or spectators.
- Under no circumstances should you enter the field of play during the course of a match unless expressly requested to do so by the referee.
- Referees, and parents and spectators officiating as referees and assistant referees, have the full authority of the FA. It is the responsibility of club officials to ensure they are treated with respect.

SPECTATORS

Your actions influence the mood of the players and the game.

- Stand behind the barrier or away from the touchline.
- Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
- Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
- Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul.
- Do not use foul or abusive language to players or other spectators.
- You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
- Remember when you are supporting your team, you are representing your Club.

- You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches. Your team or Club can also be fined, suspended, or expelled from the competition.

THE RESPONSIBLE FOOTBALL COACH/MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FOOTBALL

1. Coaches/Team Managers must respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches/Team Managers must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches/Team Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and Rules of the Football Association and Slimbridge AFC.
4. Coaches/Team Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based upon mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches/Team Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches/Team Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches/Team Managers must ensure that the activities they direct, or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of their players.
8. Coaches/Team Managers should, at the outset, clarify with players (and their parents/guardians) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach/team manager.
9. Coaches/Team Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g., other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists, etc.) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches/Team Managers must always promote the Club's Code of Conduct and emphasise the positive aspects of the sport to players, parents, and spectators alike. Never condone violations of the Laws of the Game or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches/Team Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and be role models for players, parents, and spectators.

RACISM

Slimbridge AFC strongly supports the recent FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse, whether it be based on race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, faith, age, ability, or any other form of abuse, will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association.

EQUALITY

Slimbridge AFC will always ensure that everyone has a chance to be involved in football, regardless of ability, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. We are committed to encouraging and increasing the involvement of all groups at all levels of football by recognising that inequalities exist and taking steps to address them.