



Thurlby Tigers FC – Code of Conduct

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level whether as a player, match official, coach, committee member, owner, administrator or supporter, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

- **COMMUNITY**
 - Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.
- **EQUALITY**
 - Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.
- **PARTICIPANTS**
 - Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.
- **YOUNG PEOPLE**
 - Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.
- **PROPRIETY**
 - Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.
- **TRUST AND RESPECT**
 - Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.
- **VIOLENCE**
 - Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.
- **FAIRNESS**
 - Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.
- **INTEGRITY AND FAIR PLAY**
 - Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly effects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a “win-at-all-costs” attitude. Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach or parent. 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 Code of Conduct at all times.

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
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Treat hired venues and its staff with the appropriate respect and courtesy
- 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 interests.

OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE TEAM, I WILL:

- Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using all permitted means
- Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests
- Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques
- Promote ethical principles.

RESPECT TOWARDS THE MATCH OFFICIALS, I WILL:

- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official
- Show due respect towards Match Officials
- Never enter the field of play without the referee’s permission.

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

I MAY BE:

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

IN ADDITION:

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn.

Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important. This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at all levels. Play your part and observe The FA's Code of Conduct at all times.

ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game
- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and timewasting
- Treat hired venues and its staff with the appropriate respect and courtesy
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS ONE'S OWN TEAM, I WILL:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning
- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.

RESPECT TOWARDS OPPONENTS, I WILL:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

RESPECT TOWARDS THE MATCH OFFICIALS, I WILL:

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official
- Show due respect towards Match Officials
- Never engage in public criticism of the Match Officials.

OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE SUPPORTERS, I WILL:

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

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

I MAY:

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club.

IN ADDITION:

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

Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. 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 Code of Conduct at all times.

ON THE TOUCHLINE, I WILL:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play towards the opposition as well as your own team
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Treat hired venues and its staff with the appropriate respect and courtesy
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

RESPECT TOWARDS ONE'S OWN COACHES, I WILL:

- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.

RESPECT TOWARDS OPPONENTS, I WILL:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

RESPECT TOWARDS THE MATCH OFFICIALS, I WILL:

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official
- Show due respect towards Match Officials
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.

OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE SUPPORTERS, I WILL:

- Show due respect to the interests of the opposition supporters.

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, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- 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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