

Cockermouth JFC Club Ethos

Our overall success will be measured by the development of the player's football skills and the enjoyment of the game by our players rather than the number of wins and losses. A further measure of our success will be the number of junior members and volunteers we have involved with the club and how they develop and improve.

Our ethos with respect to football will be to develop rounded players both in terms of skill and tactical awareness by age appropriate means. For younger players this will focus on developing players who are comfortable on the ball, with good technical skills and able to make their own decisions during a match. For our older players we will develop greater tactical understanding as well as an appreciation of the whole game including defensive as well as attacking football.

Our capacity to accept new players is often limited by the number of volunteer coaches we have to run training sessions and matches. Any new player turning up to training will be welcomed to train for that session. If there are capacity issues this will be explained to the parents and player and what we can offer will also be clearly explained. If there are not enough coaches to run matches this will be explained and training sessions will be offered with a view to either arranging friendly matches or running another team should additional coaches come forward.

FA's Respect Programme

As a club we are committed to following the FA's respect programme and expect all those involved : coaches, players, parents and spectators to do so.

Respect Code of Conduct – Players

- Respect all involved within the game : your own team; the opposition players ; coaches ; the match officials and the spectators
- Respect the match officials and accept their decisions
- Always play to the best of my ability
- Always play by the laws of the game and never engage in any forms of gamesmanship or timewasting
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken

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

In addition

- My club, County FA or the FA may make the parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct

Respect Code of Conduct – Coaches and team officials

- Respect all involved with the game: your team; the opposition players; coaches; the match officials and the spectators
- Always direct the team to play by the laws of the game and never engage in any forms of gamesmanship or timewasting
- Always respect the match official's decision and never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

When working with players

- As a priority provide a safe, fair, secure and supportive environment that allows players to develop
- Encourage hard work and commitment as opposed to just focussing on the result of a match
- Ensure all activities organised are appropriate for the players' ability, age and maturity
- Implement a zero tolerance of illegal or unsporting influences including banned substances and techniques

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken

- Required to meet with the club committee, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Monitored by another coach from the club
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave the club

Respect Code of Conduct - Parents / Supporters

- Respect all involved with the game: your own team; the opposition players; coaches; the match officials and the spectators
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
- Avoid coaching your child during the game
- Respect the decisions of the match official
- Give attention to each child involved and not just the most talented
- Be positive and encouraging to everyone involved

- Remain behind any physical barrier (fence / line / cones) during the match and do not encroach to within 1 metre of the touchline or stand behind the goal
- Avoid criticising mistakes
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken

- Issued with a verbal warning from the club or league official
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents