



# Respect Code of Conduct

## ADULT PLAYERS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet 7,000 match official's drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch.

**Respect** your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The FA's **Respect** Code of Conduct for players at all times.

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

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behaviour
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Ask my team captain to talk to the referee if I have a problem relating to the game
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game.

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and /or The FA.**

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