

Standish Panthers JFC Codes of Conduct

1. Introduction

“The Club” recognises the need for high levels of good behaviour from everyone associated with “The Club” both on and off the pitch. “The Club” aspires to be a model of good behaviour not only in football matters but representatives of the wider community of Standish and surrounding areas.

Any disciplinary complaints from internal or external sources will be fully investigated by the clubs “Standards Officer” and committee firstly, every attempt will be made to reach a conclusion by negotiation, any “discipline” type fine charged to the club and found to be unacceptable to our standards officer and subsequent committee members may in turn be passed on to individual responsible for breaking the Club’s code of conduct.

“The Club” is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all its members and opponents alike. Adherence to the Codes of Conduct is a prerequisite of membership of “The Club” and any breach of these Codes will not be tolerated and could lead to expulsion from “The Club”.

It is important as we progress as a club that we are perceived as an attractive club to potential future players and members.

2. Code of Conduct for Parents and 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 – its fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within “the Club” it is important to remember that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Assist to improve the child’s skills and techniques

A parents/spectator’s expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child’s attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

Ensure that you are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just your own.

Parents / Spectators should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching children during the game.
- Not shout and scream.
- Respect the referee’s decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Ensure that you agree and adhere to “the club’s” Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

3. 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.

a. Obligations towards the game.

A player should:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. 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.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.

4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time wasting.
5. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

b. Obligations towards one's own team.

A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

c. Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules.

A player should:

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

d. Respect towards Opponents

A player should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

e. Respect towards the Match Officials.

A player should:

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

f. Respect towards Team Officials

A player should:

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.