

**Code of Conduct for Children and Young People**

BUCFC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its players. The club believes that it is important that everyone associated with the club should always show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. As a player at BUCFC you also have a responsibility. You are expected to always follow this Code of Conduct:

* Keep yourself safe.
* Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
* Be supportive and committed to your teammates. Give them a second chance.
* Play fairly and be trustworthy. Respect officials accept decisions.
* Respect opponents and be gracious in defeat.
* Do not cheat, be violent or aggressive.
* Make your club a **fun** place to be.
* Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
* Behave and listen to all instructions from coaches and volunteers.
* Take care of equipment owned by the club.
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
* Do not use bad or inappropriate language that is sexist/racist/sectarian or discriminatory in any other way. This includes bullying using social media or texting.
* Do not get push others into something they do not want to do.
* Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
* Turn up on time for training, games and events. Inform the club if you will be late.
* Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.

**As a player of BUCFC you have the right to:**

* Be safe and happy while with the club.
* Be listened to and believed by teammates and club volunteers. Ask for help at any time.
* Be always respected and treated fairly.
* Your privacy being respected.
* Be referred to professional help if needed.
* Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
* Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability.
* Experience competition and the desire to win.
* Have any concerns taken seriously and investigated.

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the coach and reported verbally to the club Child Protection Officer. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Disciplinary action can be appealed to the coach with final decisions taken by the club committee.

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