



STENHOUSEMUIR F.C.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Stenhousemuir FC Community Foundation Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a valued member of the Stenhousemuir Community Foundation, parents play a crucial role in fostering a positive, supportive, and safe environment for all players, coaches, officials, and other families. Whether your child participates in our recreational programmes or competitive teams' pathway, we ask that all parents adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. Supportive and Positive Behaviour

- **Encouragement:** I will encourage my child and other players by focusing on their efforts, improvement, and enjoyment rather than solely on winning or performance outcomes.
- **Respect:** I will treat all players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators with respect, refraining from criticism, negative comments, or any form of abusive or discriminatory language.
- **Sportsmanship:** I will model good sportsmanship by acknowledging both teams' efforts and respecting the decisions made by referees and officials, even when I disagree.
- **Positive Communication:** I will approach coaches and club officials constructively if I have questions or concerns, following club policies for appropriate times and methods of communication.

2. Commitment to Team and Club Values

- **Attendance and Punctuality:** I will ensure my child attends training sessions and games on time and is prepared with the appropriate equipment, understanding that this is a commitment to their team and if late or unable to attend I will communicate this to coaches in a timely manner.
- **Encouraging Effort Over Results:** I will emphasise to my child that personal growth, teamwork, and having fun are of equal importance than the outcome of any game or competition.
- **Inclusivity:** I will support an inclusive environment for all children, regardless of their background, abilities, or level of play. I understand that the club is committed to ensuring that all players feel welcome and respected.

3. Communication with Coaches and Club Officials

- **Appropriate Channels:** I will communicate with coaches and club officials only through the proper channels, respecting their roles and responsibilities. I will avoid engaging in discussions with coaches about playing time, tactics, or other team decisions during or immediately after games.



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- **Respect for Coaching Decisions:** I understand that coaches have the final say on matters relating to team selection, strategy, and player development, both for recreational programmes and competitive team pathways. I trust the coaches to make decisions in the best interest of the players' development and the team's goals.

4. Ensuring a Safe and Positive Environment

- **Alcohol and Substance-Free Zone:** I will not bring or consume alcohol, tobacco, or any other substances during any club events or on the sidelines.
- **Supervision of Siblings and Guests:** I will supervise any other children or guests I bring to games or practices and ensure they follow club rules.
- **Safety First:** I will notify the coach of any health or medical conditions my child may have and ensure they have the necessary medical supplies or medications as needed. I will also encourage my child to report any injuries or discomfort to the coach immediately.

5. Understanding the Distinct Pathways

- **Recreational Programmes:** I understand that the recreational pathway is designed for enjoyment, participation, and personal growth. I will support a fun and low-pressure environment for my child.
- **Competitive Teams Pathway:** I understand that the competitive pathway involves a greater emphasis on skill development, competition, and commitment. I will support my child's involvement by encouraging a positive attitude, resilience, and a team-first mindset, while also respecting the coach's focus on competitive play and player development.

6. Responsibility as a Role Model

- **Leading by Example:** I will remember that my behaviour sets an example for my child. I will lead by demonstrating respect, integrity, and good sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat.
- **Promoting Enjoyment of the Game:** I will foster a love for football by focusing on my child's enjoyment of the game, promoting the values of teamwork, respect, and perseverance.
- **Respect all relevant Officials:** I will ensure that I conduct myself in an appropriate manner, respecting all officials of the game and the decisions they make. While I may not always agree with the official's decision, I will respect their decision making and encourage my child to do the same.



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7. Commitment to Club Policies and Consequences

- **Adherence to Club Policies:** I understand and agree to adhere to all Stenhousemuir Community Foundation and Stenhousemuir Football Club policies and guidelines, including this Code of Conduct, always.
- **Consequences for Violations:** I understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions by the club, including warnings, temporary bans from attending games or practices, or other actions deemed appropriate by club officials.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to follow this Code of Conduct, supporting a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all members of the Stenhousemuir FC community.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____