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BSYFC Codes of Conduct for Safeguarding Children's Wellbeing

Set the Standards – Behaviours, Expectations and Requirements

Breadalbane & Strathtay Youth FC create an environment where children and young people are respected, their rights are promoted and they are supported to have fun, learn and develop in a safe environment is essential to inspire them to love the game.

To achieve this goal Breadalbane & Strathtay Youth FC expects its members of staff and Associated Persons to embody the Wellbeing and Protection Values – Inclusive, Empowering, Approachable and Accountable - to create a positive football environment and by displaying exemplary behaviour and implementing practices that make football a safe, fun and positive experience for all children and young people involved.

We all have a responsibility to 'Respect Our Game' and follow the laws of the game to allow the game to be played properly, fairly and in a true sporting manner.

BSYFC, our coaches, match supervisors/officials, all parents/spectators and players have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour by providing a more enjoyable playing environment.

These codes of conduct to help us all take a positive step towards improving behaviour on our touchlines and teaching young people to respect their team-mates, opponents, rules, officials, and themselves.

Please take time to read, and then accept and acknowledge these as part of the BSYFC registration process:

BSYFC's CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB OFFICIALS AND COACHES – OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

On and off the pitch, make football a fun and enjoyable experience where everyone is involved.

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Encourage the children and young people to be respectful to everyone involved in the game.
- Appreciate the importance of everyone involved in the game.
- Be proud of being part of the same 'team' and encourage others to be proud of their achievements.
- Be a positive role model by:
 - leading with enthusiasm and encouragement
 - never engaging in, or tolerating offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
 - being gracious in victory and defeat
 - Challenge and, where appropriate, report behaviour that does not meet the standards expected.

Treat all children and young people equally with respect, dignity, honesty, sensitivity and fairness.

- Promote the best interest of the young person and put their wellbeing before winning or achieving performance goals.
- Promote and protect the rights of all children and ensure that children and young people are aware of their rights.
- Never have favourites but praise the children and young people that demonstrate commitment, positive attitude and good behaviour
- Consult with children and young people allowing them the chance to be heard by having a 'door open' approach.
- Always listen to and act upon any concerns raised by a child or young person.
- Allow young people the right of being involved in decisions affecting them.



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BSYFC's PARENTS AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT - OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- Parents and spectators should adhere to the laws of the game, SYFA code of conduct, SYFA supplementary and playing rules, all SYFA protection policies, SYFA disciplinary procedures and all related SYFA policies and any amendments or SWF playing rules.
- parents and spectators should remember that young players play football for fun.
- parents and spectators should always applaud good play, effort and performance from both team's players and not just results.
- parents and spectators should always remain outside the field of play or within any designated spectator's area.
- parents and spectators should ensure that players obtain a sense of personal achievement have high self-esteem.
- parents and spectators should ensure that players improve their skills and techniques.
- parents and spectators should ensure that players have a positive attitude and show respect to other players, club officials, club coaches, match officials and other players and spectators.
- parents and spectators should always be positive and encouraging towards all of the players not just their own and always respect the match officials' decisions.
- parents and spectators should develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both club officials and their son or daughter based on mutual trust and respect.
- Support the club's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the club.
- parents and spectators must never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- parents and spectators must never coach any player during the game or confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- parents and spectators must never shout and scream or criticise a player for making a mistake as mistakes are part of the development of a player.
- parents and spectators MUST always encourage everyone participating in football.

MATCH SUPERVISORS AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT - OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- match Supervisors and Officials have an important role to play, and your behaviour has an impact on everyone involved in the game— both on the pitch and the touchlines.
- apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently.
- manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- build good relationships with club officials, coaches & players.
- deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- communicate with the players and encourage respect & fair play.
- respond to appropriate requests in a clear, calm and confident manner.
- prepare physically and mentally for every match.
- match supervisors must complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games officiated.



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PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT - OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- players should make every effort to develop their own abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- they must never criticise any team mate's skills or technique.
- give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally and always shake hands with the other team and match official at the end of the game.
- set a positive example for all others and always have regard to the best interests of the game.
- do not use inappropriate language or gestures and resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
- make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your own team win but you must avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and timewasting.
- resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question your commitment to the team winning.
- treat opponents with due respect at all times by safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents irrespective of the result of the game.
- know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- show due #Respect and accept the decisions of the match official without protest.
- abide by the instructions of your club officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
- you must show #Respect towards your club's officials, your opponent's club officials and all supporters.
- make sure you know the club's Protection Officer and their full contact details.
- talk to the club's Protection Officer or another club official that you trust if you are unhappy about anything at the club.

Sign-Up and Acceptance of these Codes of Conduct – is part of this MCH registration process -

By doing so, you confirm that you have read and agree to abide by **Breadalbane & Strathclyde Youth FC** Child Wellbeing and Protection in Scottish football Policy Statement and associated Procedures and Practice Notes.

I agree to abide and demonstrate **Breadalbane & Strathclyde Youth FC** Wellbeing and Protection Values.

I understand that a breach of **Breadalbane & Strathclyde Youth FC** Child Wellbeing and Protection in Scottish football Policy Statement and associated Procedures and Practice Notes will be taken seriously and responded to in line with the **Breadalbane & Strathclyde Youth FC** Responding to Concern Procedures.