



# Oakley United FC – Code of Conduct

## Youth Players Code of Conduct:

- Play by the rules – The rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with a referee or other official – Without these people you can't play football.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and abusing other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games and will not be tolerated by the club.
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Cooperate with your coach, the referees and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use any remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team- mates and family if you do.
- Do not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour, and
- Take time to thank those who help you take part whether they are your family, a coach or your teammates.

## Players agree to:

- Inform your coach of any illness or injury you may have upon arrival for training or a match.
- Have fun and enjoy playing and training with your teammates.
- Listen to any instructions your coach is giving you and ask if you are unsure.
- Always make sure you arrive with the correct kit and that you have your boots, water and shin pads.
- Warm up thoroughly and when training or a game starts enjoy it and play with a smile on your face.
- Don't wear jewellery during training or a game.
- Don't chew gum during training or a game.
- Show a positive attitude and accept the coach's decisions.
- Encourage and support your team-mates.
- Display good behaviour at all times.
- Welcome new players to training and include them in all activities.

**Any physical or verbal altercation will not be tolerated with offending parties being immediately ejected from the match or training session and Player suspended for a period of time which will be agreed by the club. Poor team behaviour may result in the removal of that team from any competition.**



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## Parents' and supporters' code of conduct:

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoying the game is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not ridicule.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, referees and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise referees – raise any concerns you have with club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do.

## Parents/guardians agree to:

- Accompany children to all training and games, until the children reach the point where they are playing 9-a-side football, and ensure their child is properly equipped i.e. boots, shin pads, water and sun cream where appropriate.
- Abide by the decisions and team selection of the coaches.
- Ensure that your child is prompt in attendance for training and matches and arrives at the time requested.
- Encourage all players in the team but don't coach.
- Be responsible for your child at all times.

**Oakley United does have an exclusion policy which sets out the process and steps that Oakley United will follow when serious concerns are raised regarding the behaviour of a player or adult attending Oakley United training sessions or matches.**

**Player Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

**Parent/Guardians Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**