

BALISTON ESSEX OLYMPIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct gives a minimum standard of behaviour for Essex Olympian League Clubs and their members.

* There has been a recent disturbing trend to unacceptable behaviour by a minority of people associated with some Clubs.

* Football is a game, which should be played in a spirit of friendship. Players, match officials and spectators alike, should also enjoy the game.

PLAYERS

- The League expects fair play at all times.
- Shake hands with match officials and opponents after the game (whatever the result);
- Do not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents or spectators;
- Do not use foul or abusive language towards officials, opponents or supporters;
- Let the referee handle incidents in the game. Do not retaliate against opponents;
- Do not applaud sendings-off or the errors of opponents;
- Treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs you visit with respect;
- Teamwork, effort and enjoyment are as important as winning. Learn to win and lose with dignity;
- Remember you are representing your Club and the League. Be sensible and enjoy yourself;

OFFICIALS, (Team Managers, Coaches, Club Officials etc.)

- Officials, particularly managers, have a crucial role to play in the game;
- Encourage your players to play in the correct spirit;
- Do not abuse your own players or those of the other team;
- Handle any unruly behaviour among your spectators before it gets out of hand ;
- Do not use foul or abusive language to match officials, players or spectators;
- Under no circumstances enter the field of play during the course of a match unless expressly requested to do so by the referee;
- Referees, and spectators who are officiating as referees or assistant referees have the full authority of the FA. It is the responsibility of Club officials to ensure they are treated with respect;

SPECTATORS/SUPPORTERS

Your actions influence the mood of the players and the game.

Keep behind the barrier around the pitch.

Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision.

Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.

Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.

Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul.

Do not use foul or abusive language to players or other spectators.

Do not use physical violence or threaten anyone.

You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.

Remember when you are supporting your team you are representing your Club and the League.