

Match Officials:

Match Officials are an integral part of the development of young players. They have a responsibility to ensure that games are managed in such a way as to ensure both the safety and enjoyment of the players. They should

- Develop an appropriate working relationship with players, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the WRU.
- Hold the appropriate and valid qualifications.
- Explain decisions – all young players are still learning.
- Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- Always penalise Foul Play.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
- Ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by club officials immediately.

Any breaches or concerns will be dealt with by action being taken against you by either the club, Area Association or the Football Association of Wales including:

- Summoned to a meeting with a Club, League or Area Safeguarding Officer or Club Committee.
- Monitored by the league or another club.
- Requested to attend appropriate FAW training.
- Suspended from attending matches.
- Required to leave the club.
- Subjected to a fine and/or suspension on the club imposed by the FAW, including the withdrawal of coaching qualifications.

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ABERAERON JUNIOR FOOTBALL

CODE OF CONDUCT



Aberaeron Football Club supports the Football Association of Wales “Behind the Line. Behind the Team” Campaign, which aims to improve behaviour in junior and youth Football in Wales. We all have a responsibility to ensure that everyone involved in football finds it to be a fun, safe and positive experience.

As coaches and volunteers, you have a great opportunity to be a positive role model and help build a child’s confidence. Please show your support for your team and club by reading and agreeing to the FAW Code of Conduct. By signing the below declaration you are demonstrating your understanding and willingness to abide by the following:

Parent & Spectator Code. The Parent agrees to:

- Never force a child to play football.
- Always remember: children play for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the Rules/Laws. Make it clear that cheating is just a way to get an unfair advantage by dodging the Rules
- Teach your child that victory isn’t everything – playing as well as you can is just as important. On any day, no more than half the teams can win, so defeat is no disgrace.
- Never yell at a player for making a mistake. Never sneer or use sarcasm – you’ll make the player feel like a total failure. Remember: they are not playing for your benefit.
- Applaud good play – by either team. Back up the referee: don’t publicly question his fairness or ability or parentage children learn best by a good example.
- Encourage your child to improve his skills through coaching.
- Stay off the pitch. Coaches and referees are qualified to be there. They have worked hard to earn their qualifications. If you want to get involved in football, join them and learn how. Otherwise don’t interfere.
- Don’t abuse anyone – especially the referee. Like the coaches, he is a volunteer and unpaid. He has given up his spare time. If you abuse him, he might not return. And how can your child play football without a referee?
- Take care of club kit, maintain in good order and return at the end of season.
- Respond to all correspondence promptly.
- Discuss any concerns with the Head Coach.

Players’ Code

- Play for Fun - Not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the Rules - No rules – No Game. Don’t cheat.
- Don’t argue with the referee - He won’t change his decision, and might penalise your team again for arguing.
- Control your temper - and your mouth.
- Never give up - The game’s not lost until it’s won.
- Be a good sport - Recognise good football – even when it comes from the other team.

- Be fair - Don’t chuck your weight about.
- Improve your skill - You’ll play and feel better
- Don’t be selfish - Co-operate with your team and the referee and your opponents. Without them, you have no game.
- Don’t show off - even when you’ve scored.
- Be proud of being a member of your club - Dress smartly in your team kit which has been provided to you.

Coaches Code

Coaches have a responsibility to ensure that all youngsters are given the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations in a caring environment where the emphasis is on:

FUN - ENJOYMENT - SKILL DEVELOPMENT.

The coach / volunteer agrees to:

- Be a positive role model, look and act the part.
- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young players. Most learning is achieved through participating.
- Players develop at different times and in different ways - make allowances for their physical, emotional and mental maturity and development.
- Appreciate the needs of the player before the needs of the sport. Don’t over play the better players - include everyone.
- Winning isn’t everything - teach your players to enjoy taking part and performing to the best of their ability. Encourage each player to reach his or her potential.
- Never abuse, yell, criticise or ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a game. Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during both coaching sessions and games.
- Make sure players develop an understanding of the rules and laws of the game, that they respect opponents, team-mates, coaches and officials.
- Never question an official’s judgement, honesty or ancestry.
- Ensure players and parents behaviour is appropriate and in keeping with the spirit of the game and the expectations of the Club.
- All players that wear glasses need suitable alternatives to train and play (sport glasses, contact lenses etc) for Health & Safety.

All coaches must remember that they have a duty of care for all youngsters with whom they are working. Recognise that young players should never be exposed to extremes of heat, cold, or unacceptable risk of injury. Coaches must also remember they are in a position of trust and should avoid situations where this position is compromised.