

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

As a member of Porter FC you will be expected to:

- ❑ Make every effort to become a better player
- ❑ Work hard towards giving the best possible performance at all times
- ❑ Set a good example for others
- ❑ Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting
- ❑ Always have regard for the best interests of the game
- ❑ Not use bad language

Thinking about your opponents, you should:

- ✓ Treat them with respect at all times, whatever the result of the game.
- ✓ Avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
- ✓ Not swear at them, kick or retaliate in any way, even if provoked.

You should also:

- Always try hard to help your team win fair and square
- Respect other players in your team
- Not fight with, bully or pick on another team member
- Abide by the Laws of the game
- Accept victory and defeat, equally

To your team manager, assistants and spectators, you should:

- ❖ Follow the instructions of your manager and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict this code.
- ❖ Show respect towards the manager and Team Officials of the opposition.
- ❖ Not get involved in conversation with supporters during a game, but show them respect.



Referees, you should:

- ⇒ Accept their decision without protest.
- ⇒ Not try to mislead a Match Official.
- ⇒ Show respect towards Match Officials.

The Club rules state; “The Management Committee may fine suspend or expel any person regardless of whether he or she is a member of the Club whose conduct is considered to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club by virtue of being in breach of a Club rule or any of the Clubs codes of conduct or by bringing the name of the Club in to disrepute.”

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS /CARERS/SUPPORTERS

As parents / spectators you have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football, it is important to realise that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards: Other players, Officials, Managers and Spectators. Ensure that you are always **positive and encouraging** towards all of the children not just your own.

Porter FC expect parents / spectators to:

- Arrive / collect on time for matches / training sessions.
- Not exert pressure on the child to perform. This is more often than not counter-productive.
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team. Show good sportsmanship.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not to shout and scream.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Discuss any concerns with your team manager in private. Whinging to other parents only breeds resentment and affects a negative attitude.
- No swearing, racial or verbal abuse of any kind.
- Above all else, to **positively** support and encourage all players at all times. Showing disappointment, pointing out faults, blaming players and any negative comment only causes the player to lose confidence and develop a low self-esteem. The players are here to enjoy playing football, not for our gratification. The more we help them to enjoy the game, the better they will play.

A great insight into the do's and don'ts of helping your child develop their confidence and self esteem through football can be viewed at the excellent FA website.

<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/respect>