

## MID CHESHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### CODE OF CONDUCT

### TO CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND SPECTATORS

Children develop differently, at different rates and react differently to the same pressures. In the Mid Cheshire Youth Football League we intend to give all the young people who play or referee soccer a worthwhile experience. The relationship with all the adults at the matches and at training must be positive, sporting and above all be part of the example adults **should** be setting for the young people in their charge.

#### YOU MUST ALL REMEMBER

- \* YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT PLAYING TO SATISFY YOUR AMBITIONS.
- \* YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED FOR THERE ENJOYMENT NOT YOURS!!
- \* YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PLAY BY THE RULES AND SPIRIT OF THE GAME.
- \* TEAMWORK AND EFFORT ARE AS IMPORTANT AS WINNING. YOU SHOULD ACCEPT LOSING WITHOUT UNDUE DISAPPOINTMENT.
- \* DO NOT ALLOW YOUR WINNING SIDE TO GLOAT OVER THEIR VICTORY.
- \* NEVER RIDICULE OR SHOUT AT A YOUNG PERSON FOR MAKING A MISTAKE OR FOR LOSING. PRAISE THEM OR KEEP QUIET.
- \* SET AN EXAMPLE – APPLAUD GOOD PLAY BY **BOTH** TEAMS.
- \* NEVER PUBLICLY QUESTION THE REFEREES DECISIONS OR DOUBT HIS HONESTY OR INTEGRITY.
- \* HELP REMOVE ALL VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE IN SOCCER.
- \* RECOGNISE THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE COACHES WHO GIVE UP THEIR TIME TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE.

So much good work can be undone by one unsavoury incident. Be responsible and heed this Code of Conduct and allow everyone to watch the game in a friendly environment.

If you cannot abide by this Code of Conduct then we would insist that you do not attend matches in the Mid Cheshire Youth Football League.

This League adopts a policy of withdrawing the registrations of players whose parents or guardians etc fail to meet an acceptable standard of behaviour.

Offending Clubs/Teams are likely to have their membership of this League cancelled for failing to control players, spectators or officials.

**TOUCHLINE TERRORISTS BEWARE !!!**