



YMCA All Saints FC - based at YMCA Plymouth and All Saints Academy, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth PL5 3NG

'Providing football for young people since 1906'

YMCA All Saints – Code of conduct for all Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Behaviour is the biggest concern in the game at grassroots level. This includes the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Please play your part to minimise this behaviour;

As a YMCA All Saints FC representative it is expected that you will:

On and off the field:

- Show RESPECT to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

When working with players;

- Place the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what you expect of players and what they can expect from you
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities organised are appropriate for the players ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate with others in football for each players best interests (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers)
- I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices & review guidance on **physical contact (5.6) and Acceptable Behaviours When Working With Young People (5.7)** documents on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com

If you do not follow the code you may be;

- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA welfare officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to undertake an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Required to leave the club



In addition: The League/FA/County FA could impose a fine and /or suspension on the club

Vic Hibbert

Chairman

YMCA All Saints FC

'A club above all. Above all a club'