

# **SALISBURY ROVERS FC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**



You have a vital role to play in supporting your child and the club. These four simple rules set out what we need you to do:

- 1 Support your child
- 2 Support the club
- 3 Support the team
- 4 Set a good example

## **1 SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**

You can do this by:

- Encouraging the children to become as independent as they can be, e.g. by prompting them to remember what they need to bring to the club (shinpads, water etc).
- Ensuring that players arrive on time at training and for matches.

## **2 SUPPORT THE CLUB**

You can do this by:

- Volunteering. This includes everything from coaching (no experience necessary and full training given), practical help on a match day with goalposts, corner flags and water bottles to help with fundraising, administration or events.
- Paying any fees on time, and by completing and returning paperwork promptly.
- Letting your child's coach know as early as possible if your child can't come to training or to a match.
- Discussing the players' code of conduct with your child, discuss the issues it raises and answer any questions they may have.
- Informing the club of any problems you or your child have experienced.

## **3 SUPPORT THE TEAM**

We want you to give lots of verbal praise and encouragement to all the children, not just your own. But remember that excessive shouting can put children under too much pressure and spoil their enjoyment. Please don't coach your child (or others) during a match – leave that to the coach. Children need to learn to make their own decisions, right or wrong, and to learn from their own mistakes. Children's play should not be directed from the sidelines. Please remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided).

## **4 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE**

Salisbury Rovers FC supports the [FA's Respect programme](#) to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

We kindly ask you to demonstrate sporting behaviour by applauding the opposition as well as our own team and by praising all the children's efforts. You should never question the referee's decision, even when obviously incorrect or criticise the referee in front of the players. Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

If you would like to make a complaint, pursue an issue or raise a problem with anyone outside the club, you must first refer it to the club committee who will agree the most appropriate course of action or take action on your behalf.

**Consequences if the Code is breached:**

Action may be taken, if the situation warrants it, by the club, County FA, league or The FA. For example, you could be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition, the FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

Signed .....

Date .....