

BISHOPS LYDEARD AFC

Community Interest Company



www.BLAFC.org.uk

CODES OF CONDUCT

Season 2016 / 17

BLAFC : Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Spectators

Parents/Carers and spectators 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 is fun. It is important to remember that positive encouragement by parents/carers and spectators will contribute to:

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

A parent's/carer's and any spectator's attitudes during matches and training have a significant effect on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers/Coaches

Bishops Lydeard AFC expects parents/carers and spectators to be positive and encouraging towards all of the children - not just their own. Parents/carers and spectators must therefore

- Support their team and players in a positive encouraging manner.
- Give due praise to the opposition as well as their own team
- Respect the decisions of match officials
- Respect the decisions of coaches and team officials.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football not just the talented.

Bishops Lydeard AFC also makes it clear that the following are not acceptable;

- Verbal abuse of any player or official
- Coaching players during a match
- Arguing with match officials.
- Entering the field of play
- Any racial or minority discrimination or abuse
- Obscene language

These are considered "Unacceptable Behaviour" and as such may constitute a Child Protection matter and should be brought to the attention of the Club Welfare Officer. This means that the above actions may lead to a formal complaint against the Club.

Parents/Carers & spectators must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

BLAFC : Code of Conduct for Players

Obligations towards the game

A player will be expected to:

- Make every effort to develop their sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics & stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game.
- Not adopt inappropriate language or behaviour including any racial or minority discrimination or abuse.

Obligations towards one's own team

A player should:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help their own team win.
- Resist any influence which might bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules

A player should:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards Opponents

A player should:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard opponents, avoid violent, dangerous or reckless play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should:

- Accept the decisions of the Match Officials without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should;

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

The Data Protection Act and Bishops Lydeard AFC

Bishops Lydeard Football Club needs to collect and use certain types of information about Members and their Parents/Carers in order to operate efficiently and effectively.

We are a voluntary organisation and as such are not required to notify/register with the Office of the Information Commissioner our intention to process your personal data but the Club is committed to the principles and practices of data protection as laid out in the Data Protection Act 1998.

Use of Personal Data

The personal data collected by us from you, may be utilised by us to:

- Administer Bishops Lydeard AFC
- Notify you about news and events, we think you will find interesting
- Provide the FA with the details of members and members' parents as part of the details and fees we provide to them each year, but will not be passed to any other Third Party.
- Contact you by mail, telephone, email, text message, or any other reasonable method.

The club's full Data Protection policy is available for viewing on the club house notice board and from your age group coach.

Photography & Filming

The club has a policy on photography and images; that lays out guidelines for any images that might be taken by the club. This is also available for viewing on the club house notice board. We recognise pictures are important to families for personal use and would not wish to prevent parents and carers from taking them. However to safeguard children we would request that if you wish to take images at any time, that you make yourself know to the child's coach, so they can ensure no other parents object.

BLAFC : Disciplinary Procedure

Bishops Lydeard AFC has a full Disciplinary & Grievance procedure, copies of which can be found on the notice board in the club house.