

Axbridge Saxon Junior Football Club

Code of Conduct

The objective of this Code of Conduct is to specify the roles of the people involved in all aspects of the football club, so that everyone is clear of what is expected of them. It also aims to provide a basis for the players to understand how they should conduct themselves, whilst enjoying the game of football.

Role of Coach/Manager

- Organise team matters, including selection, training and equipment
- Ensure the players understand the laws of the game and take charge of coaching basic skills and tactics
- Ensure an adequate number of coaches & helpers present to supervise players under their control (minimum of two per year group)
- In charge of team discipline and encourage self discipline in players - make them aware of sanctions that will be applied in the event of unacceptable behaviour
- Encourage sportsmanship and be a positive role model for the players
- Keep a register of players attending training/match sessions and ensure children are collected or taken home at the end of each session unless parent/guardian has given their written consent to allow players to leave unescorted
- Undertake FA Child Protection training (at least 1 adult per team)
- Ensure wherever practicable that they are not left alone with a player other than their own child/children

Role of Player

- Play to the best of his/her ability and within the spirit of the game
- Respect the manager, officials, team mates and opposition
- Show commitment including reliability and punctuality
- Self discipline in terms of language and behaviour
- Be prepared to learn, improve and most of all, enjoy the game
- Not to leave a football coaching session or match at any time until collected by a parent/guardian unless written consent has been given by them
- Always ask the Coach/Manager to leave the playing area for any reason or to find out what is allowed or required

Please note that players may be excluded from future football activities if they wander off during training sessions, consistently misbehave to an extent that puts themselves or others at risk, or are so disruptive that they spoil the enjoyment of others. Reinstatement will only be considered if the Club's committee is satisfied that this will not happen again.

Role of Parents/Guardians/Supervisors

- Be responsible for transporting players to training and matches
- Support the manager, team and players
- Be positive role models in terms of language, attitude, restraint and sportsmanship
- Show respect to officials and opposition
- Use positive comments only – encourage rather than discourage
- Take out personal injury insurance for players if you require it

It is expected that all parents will make appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their children on the way to and on the way back from club activities, including but not limited to, training and matches.

It is expected that Parents/Guardians of children in the age groups up to and including Under 10s will escort their children to and from training and home matches or, alternatively, will arrange for an appropriate adult to provide such escort.

For the youngest players in the Club, (Under 6s and Under7s or where the team manager feels it appropriate), it is normally expected that a Parent/Guardian will stay at the ground for the duration of the training or match.

Unacceptable behaviour of Adult Supporters

- Verbal abuse including obscene or discriminatory language
- Negative comments
- Entering the field of play
- Arguing with officials or the opposition's supporters
- Supporting bad behaviour by players
- Interfering in the Managers role
- Racism

Please note that the Club may take such action that it deems necessary against any adult supporter who, in the opinion of the Club's committee, behaves unacceptably. This action may include, but is not limited to, exclusion from watching matches and being reported to the appropriate authorities.