



**INTRODUCTION:** Highfield Grange Football Club would greatly appreciate you spending a few minutes to read this minimum code of conduct expected by the club in order that standards of behaviour are upheld and the correct player and team environment is in place to help them have a pleasant experience of football.

Upon reading this form you need to sign the attached A12 consent form appropriate section along with the players and other relevant sections ( First-aid, photography etc) along with the player signing their code of conduct section. The form is to be returned to the team manager / official ( treasurer, secretary) or coach. The club expect you to adhere to the code of conduct and uphold its values for the coming season. This form is to be read every season to reinforce the values to family members as well as signing the A12 form.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS / RELATIONS /SPECTATORS : Highfield Grange Football Club realise that although we as the committee, officials, managers and coaches of this this club can have a degree of influence on our players within the club's teams, the greatest driving force on all the players enjoyment and success comes from the parents, guardians or relations of each player.

Hopefully, at the Highfield Grange Football Club with a joint partnership of positive encouragement from the organisations committee, officials, coaches and parents / relations we can help our players to :-

ENJOY FOOTBALL BY :-

- Giving them a sense of personnel achievement;
- Improve their self-esteem and
- Improve the player's skill and techniques.

You need to remember and appreciate that your expectations, expressions of support and attitudes have a significant bearing on the players attitude to :-

- Other players;
- Official's;
- Manager's ;
- Spectators;
- And society.

Highfield Grange Football Club expects that all our parents/ guardians /relations or spectators within our club teams will display a positive attitude and encourage not only our own players but those of the opposition team as well. To help to achieve this Highfield grange FC would like you to :-

- ✓ Ensure that you child arrives on time for training sessions, matches especially if the team is travelling together to away games because if distance or difficulty in finding venues.
- ✓ Ensure suitable clothing ( particularly in winter and outside) and correctly sized footwear ( particularly ion growing children ) is provided . Remember outside you can always take layers of clothing off if too warm and vice-versa if cold !

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- ✓ Ensure the team manager as up-to-date contact information on the A4 form in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Encourage players to be smart irrespective of the latest trend by Premier league players! Have their shirts tucked-in during playing a match.
- ✓ Stand well back behind the rope line ( if applicable ) when watching matches at all times on the side lines. N.B It is good practice not to stand/sit behind goals you more likely to be hit with the ball but as well it puts the goal keeper off. Any one reported crossing the rope during a game will be subject to the club's disciplinary system.
  
- ✓ Applaud the opposition as well as Highfield teams to show appreciation of good football , skills and moves in order to foster an attitude of good sportsmanship.
- ✓ DO NOT stoke up the pressure on players with adverse comments on opposition teams, managers and players by adverse comments on social media before and after games.
- ✓ Avoid separate coaching of player before and during games and putting undue pressure on the individual that could affect them and embarrass them with other players, official and spectators.
- ✓ DO NOT swear or give racial remarks to any official, supporter or player. Bad language unfortunately is becoming more common now and regarded as acceptable which it is not the case in this club. Both Highfield Grange FC and the LFA are united in their stand to try and reverse this trend. Any parent /guardian or relation reported as using fowl or abusive language towards any club committee / team officials or match officials or any other spectators will be subject to the club's disciplinary process.
- ✓ DO NOT shout and scream at your own son / daughter or other members of the team and NEVER be negative in your comments. Try to positive in any remarks like “ you played well today but try do this and that during the game if you can “
- ✓ DO NOT drink alcohol at any time in match & training sessions. Act as a role model and example – everything has its place and time.
- ✓ Respect the referee's decisions –remember without them and like football there is no game!
- ✓ Give attention and encouragement to all players involved with football not just the mist talented.
- ✓ Give encouragement to everyone who participates in football and display good sportsmanship.
- ✓ Only discuss concerns with training or the game plus match situations with the team manager in private and show respect for his position. Remember the club does not have a waiting list of people to manage & coach teams and depends on people coming forward to run teams –it is not a easy position.
- ✓ Try to get involved with the team - even if it is only taking down the nets & corner flags at the beginning and end of the match. It needs a team effort off the field as well as on to make things run smoothly particularly at home matches. There is allot to do with the team by the manager leading up to the game and on the day if a person could help with the financial side of the team that would help spread the responsibility and let the manager concentrate on the game.
- ✓ Try to help or support the club with its presentation days, annual competition, sportsman's evening and charity appeal – offering you services will be greatly appreciated
- ✓ Remember that once released to the team manager at training sessions and games that your child that it is he needs their full attention – number of parents chipping in with comments can be divisive and confusing for team tactics and player roles before , at half and full time.

N.B although the team manager / official is responsible for the team players at the game they are not a crèche facility and parents should not go off doing jobs on a regular basis because if there is a emergency with their child then help may be needed immediately and it's no good if your miles away. It also places extra responsibility on the manager if parents go missing. Managers have a life to!

**FA RESPECT CAMPAIGN :** The club would like parents , guardians , family etc to view the following video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLivcha2-ZI> of how NOT to behave on the touchline and it reinforces some of the points made above. Another good one is the Ray Winston FA video that will come up on You tube when accessing the above being used on child protection courses some years ago.

### **ACTIONS DISCLAIMER**

**All parents/ guardians / family etc must adhere to this club code of conduct at all times and this extends to comments on social media ( see club policy A27 ) before and after games. Any individual( s) action that result in the club or team being fined by the LFA or leagues the club teams play in through non-compliance with this or any other club codes of conduct or legislation are the sole responsibility of the individual ( s) to pay. Individuals will also be subject to club disciplinary action ( see A 10 ) in respect of the incidents or non-payment of fines or both depending on the severity of the incident.**

### **OTHER CLUB DOCUMENTATION**

**ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS / FAMILY MUST ADHERE TO THE CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY AT ALL TIMES. ANY PARENTS ETC FOUND GUILTY OF**

**BAS SPORTSMANSHIP MAY BE DISCIPLINED ( SEE CLUB POLICY) AND ULTIMATELY HAVE THEIR HIGHFIELD MEMBERSHIP REVOKED.**

**ALL PARENTS /GUARDIANS ETC ARE TO READ THIS CODE OF CONDUCT EVERY SEASON TO REINFORCE THE CLUB'S POLICY AND SIGN THE ASSOCIATED A12 DECLARATION FORM ALONG WITH THEIR PLAYERS DECLARATION**