



Code of Conduct for Players

1. I will respect my fellow squad members and team coaches.
2. I will maintain the very highest professional standards for myself throughout the season, on and off the field of play, which will give me the best opportunity to develop and progress as a footballer this year.
3. I will respect the laws of the game and will always do my best, but fairly and with a good sporting attitude. I won't cheat, complain or waste time and I will do what the referee tells me to do.
4. I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
5. I will attend all coaching sessions throughout the season unless I otherwise inform my coach at the previous session or by phone.
6. I will attend training sessions and matches on time. If I am going to be late for any session or game I will inform my coach as early as possible.
7. I will introduce myself by shaking hands with my coach on arrival at training and game days and I will inform my coach of who will be collecting me at the end.
8. I will inform my coach if I've been involved in physical activities during the day prior to the training session (PE, school matches, other sports clubs etc.).
9. I will ask my coach exactly what they expect from me. If I do not quite understand I will ask him or her for a clear explanation.
10. I will listen to my coach and respect what he/she says.
11. I will prepare my own equipment and will clean and polish my own boots prior to each coaching session or game.
12. I understand shin pads and appropriate footwear must be worn for safety. I will not be allowed to wear a watch or jewellery during a match or training.
13. My clothing and belongings are my responsibility, even when left in changing rooms. My team coach or a parent may advise me what to do with, or may look after, my valuables but they should not be held responsible for them. *(Note: The Club advises that valuables are left at home where possible.)*
14. I will not tolerate bullying of any kind (e.g. physical, mental, on-line, text). I understand that bullying is not acceptable behaviour at Godmanchester Town F.C. and will not abuse or bully a fellow team mate. If I'm a victim of bullying I will tell my parents/guardian, a team mate or team coach. Godmanchester Town F.C. will look into the incident and deal with the concerns in a discreet manner.
15. If I'm worried about the behaviour of anyone (adult or child) involved with my team I will tell my parents/guardians and coach. I understand that my concerns will be taken seriously.
16. I understand that my team manager/coach, other players and parents should show me respect. If I feel that I've received unfair criticism, or have been spoken to in an unacceptable manner, then I will contact my coach, another player or my parents/guardian. I understand my concerns will be taken seriously.



17. I understand that foul & abusive language towards other players, officials or supporters will not be tolerated on or off the field of play.
18. If I have an injury then I will inform my team coach, who will respect my decision whether to play in a match or take part in training or not. Also if my coach feels it is not appropriate for me to train or play with an injury then I will respect this decision.
19. If injured during training, or at a match, and subsequently require hospital or doctors treatment due to the injury I will ask my parents to inform my coach as soon as possible. They must record the incident into The Club's Accident Record Book by contacting The Club Secretary.
20. I will make sure that I show my parents/guardians any team newsletters I am given.
21. **I understand that breaches of the code may result in any/all of the following actions being taken by The Club, Hunts FA, league and /or The FA:**
 - Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
 - Receive a formal warning from the coach or The Club Committee.
 - Be dropped or substituted.
 - Be suspended from training.
 - Be required to leave the club.
 - My Club, Hunts FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
 - The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my Club.



Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians, Carers and Spectators

1. I will be honest about my child's ability and be responsible for their behaviour.
2. I will support my child with their football and education throughout the season to give him the very best opportunity to develop and progress as a footballer and an individual both on and off the field.
3. I will offer only positive reinforcement of my child's development. This will include asking them about what they have learnt and how they feel they are progressing. The players will take a lot of pride in what they are achieving and positive reinforcement will act as further encouragement. I will never criticise a player for making a mistake as understand that mistakes are part of learning.
4. I will conduct myself appropriately whenever escorting the players at training and game days, which will be in a manner that would be respectful to all (including players, other parents, match officials, coaches and the opposition).
5. I am responsible for my behaviour at matches and I'm aware that I can be booked, sent off or fined. I will never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language at matches or training and I'm responsible for any fines that I incur due to my behaviour.
6. I will not make derogatory remarks towards my child, other Godmanchester Town F.C. team members, match officials, opposition players or coaching staff. I will always respect the match officials' decisions and I will encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
7. Communication between parents and coaches is encouraged at all times. If I have any questions or points I wish to discuss I will ask the coaching team, who will always be willing to offer assistance and advice. If I need additional information I will contact the Head Coach.
8. I will not *'coach from the side-lines'* at training sessions or in games as I am aware that the coaches are asking the players to make decisions and would not wish to confuse them with multiple instructions. I understand that The Club wants my support and wants my child to enjoy their football, so will give constructive encouragement only and will refrain from giving directions or instructions. (*Note: The Club is aware that you have good intentions, but they may conflict with the coaching team's wishes*)
9. I will watch the game from the opposite side of the pitch or outside the 3G/Astro facility at all times, so I do not distract my child or other players.
10. I will find out what the coaching team expects from me. This may include parental support with transport, match preparations or fundraising.
11. I will not leave my child at training or a match without confirming that the coach is present and agreeing the collection time. I understand that parents are encouraged to watch but if I'm unable to stay I will inform the coach. I will also notify them if I have arranged for someone else to collect my child (a responsible adult or member of your family). I also agree to arrange for my child to be collected on time.
12. Where possible I will provide travel to away matches or, if unable to attend, I will inform the coach and make alternative transport arrangements for my child. I will endeavour to attend all away matches when available and will not expect others to transport my child to all games.
13. I understand that if my child is under 10 years old then I am required to attend all training sessions and matches.



14. I'm aware that Godmanchester Town F.C. has Child Welfare Officers who are trained in dealing with child welfare issues. If I have a concern about an adult or child I will report it to the Child Welfare Officers. I understand that my concerns will be taken seriously and will be acted upon discretely and in an appropriate manner.
15. I understand that if an injury is sustained at training, or during a match, and my child subsequently needs to go to hospital or see a doctor then I will inform the child's coach. They must record the incident into The Club's Accident Record book by contacting The Club's Secretary.
16. I will inform the coach if my child has an injury. The coach will respect my decision whether to allow my child to play.
17. I will pay my child's registration fees and subscriptions promptly as required. I understand The Club may suspend players who have not paid their membership fees in full before October 1st. *(Note: The Club will accept regular payments by arrangement with the Treasurer)*
18. I understand my child is responsible for returning all kit to The Club at the end of each season or if your child leaves The Club. Under no circumstances may kit be used for any activity other than Godmanchester Town F.C. training or matches. I will be liable for any Club kit losses due to negligence.
19. I understand that Godmanchester Town F.C. is looking to develop players and that the result is not the most important thing.
20. I understand that any fines arising from the failure to adhere to the code of conducts will be passed onto myself.
21. **I understand that breaches of the code may result in any/all of the following actions being taken by The Club, Hunts FA, league and /or The FA:**
 - Issued with a verbal warning from a Club or league official.
 - Required to meet with The Club, league or CFA 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.
 - Suspended or have my Club membership removed.
 - Required to leave The Club along with any dependents.

In addition, The FA/Hunts FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on The Club.

Any safeguarding or welfare concerns please report to safeguarding@godmanchestertownfc.com

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