



Chailey and Newick Colts FC

Code of Conduct

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Dear players, parents/carers and supporters,

Our vision is to be the best kids football club in Mid-Sussex. Providing opportunities for 150 kids to play football in a fun and safe environment, a club that kids and their carers want to join and don't want to leave.

A huge part of achieving our vision relates to the environment and atmosphere that we create for young people who want to play football with our club. Everyone that attends a game, whether that be as a player, coach or supporter is a club representative and has the opportunity to contribute to that positive atmosphere. Likewise, we can also have a negative impact simply by how we behave at matches and at training sessions.

As a committee, we are steadfast in our belief that a positive atmosphere provides the best opportunity for young people to enjoy their football and develop. Dealing with frustration, different skill levels, mistakes or different opinions are all on offer within football and we believe our Code of Conduct will help everyone to understand their role and contribution.

We have a justifiably proud disciplinary record and we firmly believe that this is a direct consequence of the expectations and role-modelling that we all do.

Please take the time to read the Code of Conduct (below) and chat through with players what this could look like on a match-day or training session, or discuss how someone else might feel or what might happen if we didn't behave in the way we outline.

Sometimes, we see these examples for ourselves. Likewise, we understand that we all can make mistakes in the heat of a moment and in those moments we look to other players or parents to support the coaches to manage them appropriately.

This is important stuff. The words and sentiments will all be very familiar but the way we utilise them will differentiate our club and create that atmosphere that makes youth football such a great experience.

Should you see standards of behaviour that fall below our expectations we urge you to flag it and, if necessary, escalate it to the committee members below.

Any concerns for safeguarding and welfare of any player should be flagged immediately. You should alert your coach in the first instance, or if needs be any of the committee members highlighted below:

	Role	Phone	Email
Freya Gilani-Tolhurst	Welfare Officer	07564 519440	chaileyandnewickcoltswelfare@gmail.com
Lindsey Rodgers	Secretary	07756 497622	chaileyandnewickcolts@gmail.com
Rob Suttling	Chair	07989 444610	rob.suttling@googlemail.com
Jem Stone	Vice Chair	07411 200592	jemstone66@gmail.com
Kate Christie	Fixtures Secretary	07500 660856	chaileyandnewickcoltsfixtures@gmail.com

Other resources available to you for support, independent from the club:

NSPCC Helpline: 0800 023 2642

Sussex County FA Safeguarding Team: 01903 768578 | safeguarding@sussexFA.com

With our best wishes for an enjoyable season.

Chailey and Newick Colts committee



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Young Players

WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL I WILL:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee and my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Sussex FA or The FA:

I MAY:

- 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.

IN ADDITION:

- My club, Sussex FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/Sussex FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

Spectators

I WILL:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the referee's decisions even when I don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectators' area or behind the respect barrier
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or Sussex 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/Sussex FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

Coaches, team managers and club officials

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe Chailey and Newick Colts and The FA's Code of Conduct at all times.

ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour

- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.

WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:

- Place the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Cooperate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Sussex FA or The FA:

I MAY BE:

- Required to meet with the club, league or county welfare officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the Sussex FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

IN ADDITION:

- My FA coaching licence may be withdrawn.

MATCH OFFICIALS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe Chailey and Newick Colts and The FA's Respect Code of Conduct of match officials at all times.

I WILL:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the laws of the game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct

- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and team officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour from players and team officials
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for each match
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Required to meet with The FA /Sussex FA refereeing official
- Required to meet with The FA/Sussex FA refereeing committee.