

# Spartans FC Youth Code of Conduct for Players

Players representing our club are ambassadors and role models. The highest standards of conduct and behaviour are therefore expected on and off the field.

Players must agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

#### **Club Values:**

#### Teamwork; Working Together

- Develop good relationships with fellow players and team coaches based on mutual trust and respect.
- Co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g., other coaches, club officials, doctors, physiotherapists).

#### **Enjoyment**; Love the Game

• Create a productive team environment, be positive, supportive, approachable, and encouraging of your teammates and coaches.

#### Passion; Give Everything

• Set a good example for others, particularly younger players, and supporters by displaying consistently high standard of behaviour (disciplined/respectful/committed/good time keeping).

#### Respect; Be Fair. Be Kind

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Understand and abide by the laws, rules and guidelines laid down by the governing bodies.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game.

### Bravery; Take Risks. Learn to Win

• Make every effort to develop your own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.

#### **Matchday & Training:**

- Treat all officials, opponents, and supporters with due respect.
- Always respect the referees and assistant referees' decisions without protest and avoid words or actions that are insulting or misleading.
- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your own team win.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the teams are in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time-wasting.

- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question our commitment to the team winning.
- Accept that striving to win is more important than winning itself. Victory and defeat are inevitable and should be accepted equally.
- Always wear official club training or match kit.
- Resist the temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
- Refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol during club activities or coaching sessions.

#### **Social Media:**

- Avoid anything adverse that may have a negative effect on the reputation or integrity of the club
- Never make negative comments on social media about opposition, management, or individuals.
- Never use foul or abusive language on social media websites when representing the club.

## Sanctions for a breach of the Code of Conduct for Coaches may include the Youth Section Management Committee enforcing any/all of the following actions:

- A verbal warning.
- A written warning.
- A final written warning.
- Suspension.
- Requirement for an apology to be made to the opposition, officials, coaches, or staff.
- Dismissal.

I agree to the Code of Conduct for Coaches stipulated above and accept responsibility for my actions on and off the pitch.

Print Name:	
Player Signature:	
Team (s):	
Date:	