



PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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The continuing development and expansion of the ELE League with its standing and reputation as a well organised, safe and exciting vehicle for youngsters is built on Good Practice. This Good Practice is maintained by good guidelines from the ELE League Good Practice from you the parents, carers, managers, coaches, spectators and players.

Through the ELE League the opportunity exists to introduce, develop and guide young players to principles of fair play, respect for others and a friendly attitude. For many of our teams developing a team spirit and creating an enjoyable atmosphere are far more important than trophies in their Club Vision.

Accordingly the ELE League expect those involved with teams to allow the players to play without undue pressure on them with support from the line being positive with any criticism of a constructive nature. The following points are a guide to expected behaviours from those involved with teams in the ELE League.

**1.** Please make every effort to ensure your players arrive early for games with correct kit for the weather conditions. If there are injury concerns please notify your coach/manager as soon as possible once you are aware of them. Playing injured players may halt (possibly permanently) the individual player's progress.

**2.** The boys and girls are here to play football and enjoy the games, once the enjoyment goes out of football, they will not want to play. Those adults with teams should make every effort to see that the fun stays in the game.

**3.** As parents/carers/spectators we are expected to support our team as well as acknowledging the good play from the opposition. Abuse of any kind towards players, the opposition or officials will not be tolerated from the ELE League.

(Hands up anyone who has never made a mistake!!)

Positive sporting attitudes are expected at all times. Parents/carers of player's are responsible for the actions of relatives or friends that come to watch the teams playing.

**4.** At most clubs there is ONE manager or coach in charge who directs play, picks teams, rotates substitutes and produces the registration cards. Players become confused by multi instructions being screamed at them during a match and they will soon start to fear the game.

**5.** Volunteers for running the line will always be appreciated. There will be times when the referee misses an incident, just as in the Premiership (and they are very well paid and trained), but abuse or comments directed at his/her ability to referee will not improve the atmosphere they may possibly worsen it and the ELE League will act on these incidents once reported.

**6.** The ELE will always contact managers as early as possible to notify of cancelled games.

**7.** Can spectators please remove any litter after their match, there are bins situated near pitch for your use.

**8.** The ELE have a management panel of officials to rule on any incidents or concerns that may bring the reputation of the League into disrepute and their decision will be final.

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