

Broad Oak & Horam JFC

Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

Ensure that parents / spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents / spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not to shout and scream.
- Respect the referee's decision and never doubt his / her honesty
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Not act in any way that would bring Broad Oak & Horam JFC into disrepute
- Fully abide by the content and sentiment of the following: -
 - i) Children are not playing to satisfy your ambitions
 - ii) Youngsters are involved for their enjoyment not yours
 - iii) You have a responsibility to encourage children to play by the rules
 - iv) Teamwork and effort are as important as winning.
You should accept losing without due disappointment
 - v) Do not allow your winning team to gloat over their victory
 - vi) Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or for losing,
praise them or keep quiet
- Recognise the value and importance of coaches who give up their time to help young people

Ensure that parents / spectators within your club agree and adhere to your club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.