



RESPECT



Respect Week of Action

24th February – 4th March 2018



#PlayYourPart in creating a player centred environment in youth football

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Welcome

On behalf of the Youth Standing Committee at the Leicestershire & Rutland County FA, I would like to welcome all stakeholders; clubs, coaches, parents, referees, but most importantly, players, to the Respect Week of Action taking place across Leicestershire & Rutland this week, 24th February to 4th March.

With the aim of re-launching the key Respect messages, along with new Respect resources, this Week of Action aims to really focus attention on the adult's role in creating a player centred environment for young players.

We believe Football is For ALL and should be enjoyed in a safe, fun and inclusive environment, where you and I can play our part. Respect is an important value in life, not just football. We want to ensure that the match day environments played in this county are memorable for the right reasons. It's all about creating the best possible football experiences.

I encourage you to get involved in the Respect Week of Action, whether that is attending the many events organised, or simply reading and sharing the good practice outlined in this resource.

Creating a Player Centred Environment starts with you, and we invite you to **#PlayYourPart**

Enjoy the week.

Kindest Regards

Alan Markley

Chair of the Leicestershire & Rutland Youth Standing Committee



Why do Children Play?

Everything we do in youth football should start with children in mind. The FA therefore asked young players up and down the country why they play the game. Here are the top six reasons:

Trying my hardest is more important than winning

I love playing football because it is fun

It keeps me fit and healthy



I like playing with my friends

I like meeting new friends through football

It's a really good game and I love it



How to Get Involved!

- Pledge Support for Respect – repost or send in your club logo to PlayYourPart@LeicestershireFA.com
- Share and attend the Respect Week of Action events
- Use [#PlayYourPart](#) on social media to highlight respectful behaviour
- Adhere to the good practice guides



Respect Week of Action Events

With the aim of re-launching the key Respect messages, along with new Respect resources, this Respect Week of Action aims to really focus attention on the adults role in creating a player centred environment for young players.

Below list the many events you can get involved in as part of the Respect Week of Action:

- **Saturday 24th February – Leicestershire & Rutland Inclusive League Festival (Junior) – Open Invite. No Booking Required:**
 - Taking place at Aylestone Park, between 1pm – 5pm on Saturday 24th February.
- **Tuesday 27th February - County Youth Conference 2018 @ King Power Stadium – Booking Essential**
 - Taking place at King Power Stadium, this FREE conference will open its doors at 6:30pm, with a planned start time of 7pm, and finish time of 9:30pm The deadline to book onto the conference is Sunday 25th February.



Respect Week of Action Events

- **Wednesday 28th February – Coach CPD Event: Managing the Match Day Environment – Booking Essential**
 - Taking place at Judgemeadow Community College, between 6pm – 9pm.
- **Thursday 1st March – Respect Showcase Match**
 - As part of the Leicestershire Midweek Floodit Youth League, GNG play Allexton New Parks in this Respect Showcase Match, which is taking place Riverside Community College
- **Saturday 3rd March – Leicester City FC v Bournemouth @ King Power Stadium - Respect Focus Match!**
 - Leicester City FC will play their part when they host AFC Bournemouth at the King Power Stadium in the Premier League.
- **Sunday 4th March – Respect Showcase Event, Judgemeadow Community College – All Clubs Welcome**
 - This exciting event will be taking place at the counties recently announced FA Respect “champion” site, Judgemeadow Community College, between 9am – 4pm, and will run alongside the grassroots youth fixtures that are scheduled to be taking place at the College on the day.



Club Good Practice

The better the environment we create for the players, the more everyone will enjoy the game. Greeting the opposition and the referee, putting on refreshments, appointing a Match Day Manager, are all ways in which any club at any level can start to make a difference on the day.

#PlayYourPart by trying to implement these simple steps at your club;

- Develop and implement a player centred club philosophy that includes clear expectations on team selection, playing time and conduct of all club members.
- Host a managers meeting to ensure all managers are aware of the clubs philosophy and expectations in creating a positive match environment.
- Issue a Code of Conduct to everyone involved at the start of the season.
- Have committee members attend matches to ensure the initiative is being delivered effectively.
- Ensure spectators are behind the barrier on the opposite side of the field.
- Ensure coaches to stay in the technical area, unless a player is injured.



Coaches Good Practice

Every coach at every level can play a huge part in creating the match day environment that everyone can enjoy, not only the players but the match officials and those watching too.

A good coach can be a positive role model that youngsters will remember for the rest of their lives.

#PlayYourPart by trying to implement these simple steps with your team;

- Stay in the technical area, unless a player is injured.
- Turn up in good time.
- Ensure all players play a minimum 50%.
- Respect Handshake before the game and after the game – regardless of the score.
- No shouting at the referee. Remember that the referee may be learning the game.
- Support and encourage players. Make the game fun at all times.
- Treat the opposition how you would like to be treated.
- Remember, you are a role model to children at all times during the game.
- No angry post-mortems after the game – be constructive or wait for training night to review the game



Parents Good Practice

Whether you played yourself, or if you are new to football, the game is a great activity that can be enjoyed by all the family.

Kids love playing, and they like their parents to take an interest. What they don't like is when mums and dads get too involved from the touchline, or put too much pressure on them to do well.

#PlayYourPart by trying to implement these simple steps with your children;

- Offer praise, encouragement and applause – for both sides.
- Stand in the designated area for spectators.
- Praise for effort and attitude not just talent.
- Don't follow your son/daughter up and down the touchline.
- Focus on the process not the result.
- Focus on your child's enjoyment.
- Don't issue instructions from the touchline.
- Avoid pressuring your child about winning or losing.



Referee Good Practice

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 side lines.

#PlayYourPart by trying to implement these simple steps when officiating in youth football:

- Try to manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- 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
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.
- **Set the tone** before the game by conducting a pre-match briefing with players and coaches;
 - Introduce yourself by name, explain you want players to enjoy themselves and end by wishing both teams good luck.



Pledge Statement

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For more information visit;
www.LeicestershireFA.com/about/respect

