

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme Respect Code of Conduct for match officials Explanation



Respect

Match officials are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly effects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Match officials are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Match officials have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for match officials. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for match officials to disassociate themselves from a “win-at-all-costs” attitude.

The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement of the match officials.