



**ENGLAND  
FOOTBALL**

## **Positive Football Environment Club Commitment Statement**

As a club we are strongly committed to creating an environment that is safe, supportive, friendly, and positive for all.

Respect, Positive Behaviours, and the creation of a Positive Football Environment are embedded into our club's culture and we are committed to taking responsibility for our own clubs' actions and environment.

Any undesired or unacceptable behaviour from anyone associated with our club will not be tolerated and will be dealt with through our own club policies and procedures, in line with FA rules and regulations.

As a club we will play our part in installing a positive behavioural culture within grassroots football and to achieve this:

- **We Will Lead by example** – making sure our players, coaches and spectators know and show the desired behaviours we expect as a club and in line with our own or The FA's Code of Conduct.
- **We Will educate and brief new members** regarding our expectations of how they behave during fixtures.
- **We Will Respect the Officials** and will ensure that we have processes to 'meet and greet' the match official(s) so that they feel welcome and supported within our club. We also understand that we have a role to play in retaining referees, as without them there is no game. We recognise that some of these referees may be U18 and that referees are human and so they may make mistakes and may have a poor game, but that confronting them will not change this – and instead there are procedures to report any such performance.
- **We Will ensure that our Match and Pitch-Side Environment is positive** by being aware of the impact and perception of our club through bad language and undesirable behaviour upon match officials, the opposition, and members of the public – including children and by setting up and overseeing a Designated Spectator Area (youth football only).
- **We Will make sure that we provide a positive player experience for all players** by keeping feedback from the side-lines, from coaches and spectators, to a minimum, ensuring that our players always play the game fairly and in the right spirit, shaking hands whether they win, lose or draw, and ensuring spectators celebrate effort and good play from both sides.
- **We Will promote positive behaviours** through campaigns and communications

- **We Will embed Safeguarding, Promote Equality and Respect Diversity** – to make sure everyone is focused upon creating a safe and positive football environment for everyone involved.

And:

- **We Will take responsibility for, effectively deal with and, where applicable, report any unacceptable or undesired behaviours displayed by anyone from our club**, in line with our own club rules.