



RESPECT

Good Practice #2 2018/19 –

Ibstock United – Creating the right environment

Context

A parent of a young referee has visited Ibstock United on various occasions this year supporting his son and suggests the club create an excellent environment for all involved.

Art Larkin, Club Secretary said, “The club have been promoting the "we only do positive" attitude for a while with all Players, Coaches and Parents. The U10's in particular have embraced this. Both U10's teams have players and spectators that are Respect Champions, the players role is to ensure that handshakes take place before and after the match as well as making sure each team always gives 3 cheers regardless of the result. They also make sure no player gets upset if they make a mistake. The spectator's role is to ensure that parents only give positive comments to both teams playing. The emphasis is not on winning but learning and developing as well as making sure smiles stay on faces throughout.”

How this practice creates a fun, safe and inclusive environment

The club has clearly demarcated zones for parents, very visible respect materials and information, supportive and friendly coaches, especially towards young referees. It is clear the club care a great deal about young players; creating a very positive welcoming atmosphere. The Under 10 coaches in particular are extremely positive and manage groups with a wide range of ability with an inclusive attitude.

The positive impact on those individuals involved

Its clear the young players want to play as thy enjoy it, the welcoming atmosphere is inclusive. It is a safe and supportive environment to referee.

We only do positive.

