



PROVIDING A POSITIVE PLAYER EXPERIENCE

ARE YOU PROVIDING A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF YOUR PLAYERS?

Oxfordshire Pass the Positivity aims to build on The FA's Respect Programme by promoting positive behaviour amongst players, coaches, parents, and spectators and supporting clubs to reinforce key messages.

We have created some hints & tips of how you can play a role in making football a positive environment for young people by setting the right attitude & ethos to keep players playing the game they love!

FUN BEFORE FITNESS

Keep training engaging and fun, young people have missed out on a lot of football since March 2020.

CHALLENGE: How many minutes can you get all of your players moving & touching the football in a session?!

EVENS STEVENS!

Participation over winning at all costs!
Ensure all players get equal time on the pitch to enjoy the game - think pre match about how substitutions will be managed.

Young People said this was a key factor to them for not enjoying the game & wanting to drop out!

LET THEM PLAY!

Keep shouting on the sidelines from coaches and spectators to a minimum. Utilise before, at half time and after the game to communicate key messages.

Young people said shouting from the sidelines had a negative impact on their experience.

CHALLENGE: Can you have a silent sidelines or clap only weekend?

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Give your players as many opportunities to learn, play and have as many touches of the ball.

Do not take learning ball skills away from young people by coaches joining in at training!

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Make sure your players, coaches & spectators are leading by example & show respect to their opponents and the referee!

Young People said that poor behaviour and bad language from players, coaches and spectators put them off continuing!

CHALLENGE: How can you get this message across to your players, coaches and spectators? Do you have a captain that leads by example?

Can you promote The FA's free Laws of The Game Online Modules to your coaches, parents, and spectators?

PITCH-SIDE ENVIRONMENT

Young people stated that the pitch side can be an intimidating place and can put them off wanting to play. Are your spectators & coaches setting the right example? Setting up Respect Barriers can play a vital role.

CHALLENGE: How can your club ensure it is setting the right environment to help players flourish?

There are learning & resources that you can utilise to help support you:

FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCTS

FA 21 DAYS OF POSITIVITY

FA WE ONLY DO POSITIVE

OFA COACHES CPD PROGRAMME

BT PLAYMAKER

OFA COACHES CPD - RETURN TO PLAY
(FUN BEFORE FITNESS AND MANAGING MATCH DAYS)



**PLAY YOUR PART AND MAKE
OXFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL POSITIVE!**