

# IS YOUR CLUB CREATING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT ON THE PITCH AND SIDELINES?

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.

Here are a few hints & tips of how you can play a role in making football positive for young people by setting the right environment & ethos to keep players & referees in the game!

#### **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 Introduction to Refereeing online modules to your coaches, parents, and spectators?

### **EDUCATING & BRIEFING YOUR MEMBERS**

How is your club playing its role in educating and briefing members on the expectations of how to behave during fixtures?

**CHALLENGE**: How can you look to reinforce key messages to players, coaches and spectators?

Do you provide regular briefings and reminders to coaches, spectators & visiting clubs?

#### **FA RESPECT PROGRAMME**

Do you have The FA Respect Programme implemented at your club? Provide briefings & FA Respect Code of Conducts to club members (players, coaches, parents/guardians and others) to make sure everyone is creating a positive environment for everyone involved!

# 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?

# **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? Encourage coaches to sign up for '21 Days of

# **SMOKEFREE SIDELINES**

Help improve the environment at your club by becoming smokefree across your training and match day sites!

**CHALLENGE**: Has your club pledged its support to Oxfordshire Smokefree Sidelines?

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

**FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCTS** 

**FA INTRODUCTION TO REFEREEING MODULES** 

**FA 21 DAYS OF POSITIVITY** 

**FA WE ONLY DO POSITIVE** 

**OFA COACHES CPD PROGRAMME** 

**OXFORDSHIRE SMOKEFREE SIDELINES** 



PLAY YOUR PART AND MAKE OXFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL POSITIVE!