
THORNEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Parent, carer, or spectator

Thorney Football Club
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Introduction

Thorney Football Club is committed to creating a safe, positive, inclusive and enjoyable environment for every player.

Parents, carers and spectators play a vital role in supporting children and young people to enjoy football, develop confidence and learn valuable life skills. Positive support from the touchline helps create an environment where players can develop, learn from mistakes and enjoy the game.

The Club fully supports The FA Respect Programme and expects all parents, carers and spectators to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour at all club activities.

As a Parent, Carer or Spectator I Will:

Support All Players

1. Remember that children play football for enjoyment, development and friendship.
2. Applaud effort, teamwork, improvement and good play from both teams.
3. Encourage players positively and help build their confidence and self-esteem.
4. Understand that mistakes are part of learning and development.
5. Never ridicule, criticise or shout at a child for making mistakes or losing a match.

Respect Match Officials

6. Always respect the decisions of referees and match officials.
7. Recognise that many referees are young people who are learning and developing their skills.
8. Never question, intimidate, abuse or confront match officials before, during or after a game.

Respect Coaches and Volunteers

9. Allow coaches to coach and avoid giving instructions from the touchline.
10. Respect the decisions of coaches and team officials.
11. Support the Club's volunteers who give their time to provide football opportunities for players.

Demonstrate Positive Behaviour

12. Remain outside the field of play and within designated spectator areas where provided.
13. Be a positive role model for all children and young people.
14. Treat players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators from all clubs with courtesy and respect.
15. Promote fair play, inclusion and respect at all times.
16. Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, abusive, threatening, discriminatory or inappropriate language or behaviour.
17. Never use social media to criticise, abuse or target players, coaches, referees, volunteers or other parents.

Safeguarding and Welfare

18. Place the welfare and wellbeing of children above winning, results or league positions.
19. Support the Club's safeguarding policies and procedures.
20. Report any welfare, safeguarding or conduct concerns to the Club Welfare Officer.
21. Respect the privacy and dignity of all children when taking photographs or videos and follow Club guidance regarding photography and social media.

Promote Equality and Inclusion

22. Treat everyone fairly regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.
23. Challenge discrimination and support an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Unacceptable Behaviour

The following behaviour will not be tolerated:

- Abusive or aggressive behaviour towards referees, players, coaches, volunteers or spectators.
- Coaching from the touchline.
- Entering the field of play without permission.
- Bullying, harassment or intimidation.
- Discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Social media abuse.
- Violence, threats or confrontational behaviour.
- Bringing the Club or the game into disrepute.

Breaches of this Code

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following actions:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Meeting with the Team Manager, Club Welfare Officer or Club Committee.
- Requirement to complete an FA educational programme where appropriate.
- Removal from a match or training venue.
- Suspension from attending Club activities.
- Termination of Club membership.
- Referral to the League, County FA or The Football Association where appropriate.

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