



Marston Green Football Club

Code of Conduct

Marston Green FC supports the FA RESPECT programme to help ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe and positive environment by all. Everybody involved has a responsibility to model and promote high standards of behaviour at Marston Green FC - and the FA or league can and will impose sanctions on the club and / or individuals if anyone fails to adhere to their rules.

For the purposes of this Code the term 'Coach' will be used to refer to all Team Managers, Assistants or any other coaching roles at the club and the term 'Parent' will include Legal Carers or Guardians.

The abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches will not be tolerated. For this reason and as part of FA best practice, Marston Green FC is asking every Player, Parent and Coach to practice and follow this Code of Conduct.

Please note that, even if not physically signed, by representing Marston Green FC, you are, by default, agreeing to this Code. All our Coaches undergo Criminal Record Checks, FA training including Safeguarding. Children's football is an opportunity for children to develop their technical, physical, psychological and social skills. Individual player development and wellbeing is at the heart of Marston Green FC.

This Code of Conduct describes the expected behaviour of all at Marston Green FC and exists to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at the club. Please play your part and observe our Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches at all times. The Chairman and Club Committee, thank you for being part of the club.

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I agree that I will:

- Show respect to all Team-mates, Opposition, Parents, Referees, Coaches and Spectators.
- Place safety, individual development, and enjoyment above everything, including winning.
- Listen and respond to what the coaches say.
- Remember that children play for fun.
- Applaud hard work, effort, and good play, as well as positive outcomes / success.





- Adhere to match rules, including staying within designated technical / spectator areas, and always respecting the match officials' decisions (remember that they themselves may be children and still learning).
- Let the coaches do their job and do not confuse players by telling them what to do.
- Avoid criticising any player for making a mistake – mistakes are a vital part of learning.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Talk to the Child Welfare Officers, if you have any concerns.
- Give up some time or otherwise support the club in whatever way I can over the course of the season.
- Return any club property should I leave the club at any point (including kit).

I understand that if I do not follow this Code, any or all of the following actions may be taken by Marston Green FC, our County FA or The FA: -

- Restricted access to the pitch (e.g., for friendly matches).
- Required to apologise to my Team-mates, the Opposition, Referee or Coach.
- Receive a formal warning from the Team or Club Committee.
- Be dropped or substituted.
- Be suspended from training or matches.
- Receive a fine.
- Be required to leave the club.

The FA / County FA could impose further sanctions according to their rules even after club action.

N.B. Coaches must ensure any FA or league-imposed fines are paid by the team or appealed in good time.

For any questions or assistance please contact our Child Welfare Officers:

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