CROSBY STUART JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct

For parents, carers, spectators, players, coaches and team managers · England Football Accredited ★★★

At Crosby Stuart, football is **"to enjoy, not destroy"**. Everyone involved with the club, on and off the pitch, is expected to follow this code, which is based on The FA's Respect codes of conduct.

Parents, Carers & Spectators

We all share responsibility for giving children a safe, positive place to learn and enjoy football. Please play your part and follow The FA's Respect code.

I WILL:

- Remember that children play for **fun**.
- Applaud effort and good play from both teams, not just the result.
- Respect the referee's decisions, even when I don't agree with them.
- Stay behind the touchline, in the area set aside for spectators.
- Encourage players to respect the opposition, the referee and match officials.
- Support and encourage, never criticise players, coaches or officials.
- Never use or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Only take photos or film with the team manager's permission, and follow the club's Social Media Policy.
- Tell the team manager about any medical condition or disability that may affect my child's safety or the safety of others.
- Not use the club's name or crest without permission from the Club Secretary.

IF I DON'T FOLLOW THE CODE, I MAY BE:

- Given a verbal warning by a club or league official
- Asked to meet the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Asked to meet the club committee
- Required to complete an FA education course
- Asked to leave the match venue
- Asked by the club not to attend future matches
- Suspended, or have my club membership removed
- Asked to leave the club, along with any dependants

The FA or County FA could also fine and/or suspend the club.

Young Players

Football is for everyone to enjoy. When I play for Crosby Stuart, I'm part of a team and I represent the club.

WHEN I PLAY FOOTBALL, I WILL:

- Always try my best, for myself and for my team.
- Play fairly – no cheating, diving, complaining or time-wasting.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee and my coach.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
- Shake hands with the other team and the referee at the end of every game.
- Be a good sport – gracious when we win and when we lose.
- Listen to my coach or team manager and respond with respect.
- Talk to someone I trust or a Club Welfare Officer if I'm unhappy about anything at the club.

IF I DON'T FOLLOW THE CODE, I MAY:

- Be asked to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach
- Get a formal warning from my coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be asked to leave the club

My club, County FA or The FA may also tell my parents or carers, and The FA or County FA could fine and/or suspend the club.

Worried about anything? Talk to your coach, a parent or one of our Club Welfare Officers: **welfare@crosbystuart.co.uk**. You can also call Childline free on **0800 1111**.

Coaches, Team Managers & Club Officials

We all share responsibility for setting a good example and giving children a positive place to learn and enjoy the game. Please play your part and follow The FA's Respect code at all times.

ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:

- Set a positive example for the young people I'm responsible for.
- Show respect to everyone involved in the game, including match officials and their decisions, opposition players, coaches and spectators.
- Follow the Laws and the spirit of the game.
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never use or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Follow the club's rules, constitution and policies.

WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:

- Put the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of every player above everything, including winning.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Encourage each player to take responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Make sure every activity suits the players' ability, age and maturity.
- Work with others in football (officials, physios, Welfare Officers) in each player's best interests.
- Keep my FA DBS check and safeguarding training up to date, and report any welfare concerns to a Club Welfare Officer.

IF I DON'T FOLLOW THE CODE, I MAY:

- Be given a warning by the club committee
- Be required to complete an FA education course
- Be suspended or removed from my role

The FA or County FA could also take action against me and/or the club.

Who to contact

Website	**crosbystuart.co.uk**
General enquiries	**secretary@crosbystuart.co.uk**
Welfare & safeguarding	**welfare@crosbystuart.co.uk**

Club Welfare Officer (Girls)	**Von Parker Sheridan**
Club Welfare Officer (Boys)	**Joe Buckley**
Discipline Officer	**Richie Ackers**
Secretary	**Jan Meadows**

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.
NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000 · Childline: 0800 1111

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