



BRADLEY STOKE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB  
Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol. BS32 8HL

# CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

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Football is a game, which should be played in a spirit of friendship. The game should also be enjoyed by players, match officials and spectators alike.

**EVERYONE** involved with Bradley Stoke Town Football Club has a responsibility both ON and OFF the field of play to not tarnish the image of the Club and the Game of Football, or bring it into disrepute through their use of social networking, websites, mobile phones, email communications and any other form of communication or action

## PLAYERS

- a) The Club always expects fair play.
- b) Shake hands with match officials and opponents after the game (whatever the result).
- c) Do not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents or spectators.
- d) Do not use foul or abusive language towards officials, opponents or supporters.
- e) Let the referee handle incidents in the game. Do not retaliate against opponents.
- f) Do not applaud sending-off or the errors of opponents.
- g) Treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs you visit with respect
- h) Teamwork effort and enjoyment are important as winning. Learn to win and loose with dignity.
- i) Remember you are representing your Club. Be sensible and enjoy yourself.

## OFFICIALS (Team Managers, Coaches, Club officials etc.)

Officials, particularly managers, have a crucial role to play in the game

Encourage your players to play in the correct spirit.

- a) Do not abuse your own players or those of the other team.
- b) Handle any unruly behaviour among your spectators before it gets out of hand.
- c) Do not use foul or abusive language to match officials, players or spectators.
- d) Under no circumstances, enter the field of play during the course of a match unless expressly requested to do so by the referee.



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- e) Referees, and parents and spectators who are officiating as referees and assistant referees have the full authority of the FA. It is the responsibility of Club officials to ensure they are treated with respect.

### **County FA or League Disciplinary Action**

- a) In the event of a player, spectator or club official being fined, receiving an administrative fee, or a warning as to future conduct from either the County FA or League, it will be the responsibility of the Club and/or individuals named in the disciplinary action to respond to and abide to any instruction given and within the deadlines imposed.
- b) Unpaid fees issued by the GFA are doubled by the Club if the payment is not received within 30 days. This additional fee shall be borne by the individual
- c) If the individual refuses to pay the fine or administrative fee the player will be automatically barred from the Club membership
- d) In the event of 3.b occurring, any prepaid funds paid by the individual to the club, will go towards settling the payment to the GFA. Additionally, the individual's name will be registered with the GFA, making it difficult for the individual to sign-on and play for another club

### **SPECTATORS**

Your actions influence the mood of the players and the game.

- a) Stand behind the barrier or away from the touchline.
- b) Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
- c) Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- d) Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
- e) Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul.
- f) Do not use foul or abusive language to players or other spectators.
- g) You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
- h) Remember when you are supporting your team you are representing your Club.
- i) You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches. Your team or Club can also be fined, suspended or expelled from the Competition.



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## **THE RESPONSIBLE FOOTBALL COACH/MANAGER** **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FOOTBALL**

- a) Coaches/Team Managers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- b) Coaches/Team Managers must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above other considerations including the development of performance.
- c) Coaches/Team Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and Rules of the Football Association and Bradley Stoke Town FC.
- d) Coaches/Team Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based upon mutual trust and respect.
- e) Coaches/Team Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- f) Coaches/Team Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- g) Coaches/Team Managers must ensure that the activities they direct, or advocate are appropriate for age, maturity, experience and ability of their players.
- h) Coaches/Team Managers should at the outset, clarify with players (and their parents/guardians) exactly what is expected of them, also what they are entitled to expect from their coach/team manager.
- i) Coaches/Team Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists etc) in the best interests of the player.
- j) Coaches/Team Managers must always promote the Club's Code of Conduct and emphasize the positive aspects of the sport to players, parents and spectators alike. Never condone violations of the Laws of the Game or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws or relevant rules and regulations or with the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- k) Coaches/Team Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and be role models for players, parents and spectators.

### **RACISM**

Bradley Stoke Town FC strongly support recent FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be based on race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, faith, age, ability or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association."



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## **EQUALITY**

Bradley Stoke Town FC will always ensure that everyone has a chance to be involved in football, regardless of ability, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. We are about encouraging and increasing the involvement of groups at all levels of football by recognising that inequalities exist and taking steps to address them.

## **EVERYONE**

From Players to Club Officials and anyone else connected/involved in the Club

Bradley Stoke Town FC expects everyone who is either a member or is involved in the Club, in whatever form, to do their bit in helping the Club to meet its commitments as an Affiliated Member Club of the Football Association through the Gloucestershire FA with regards to the Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.