



Coalpit Heath Youth Football Club is committed to ensuring all children have a safe and positive experience. Every person who is involved with Coalpit Heath Youth Football Club (CHFC), whether as a player, coach, official or parent/carer, has a responsibility to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the high reputation of the club is maintained. This document details the code of conduct for CHFC and what you can expect from the club and what we expect from Parents & the young players.

CHFC follow and support the FA Respect codes of conduct which are in place to ensure that everyone involved within a FA Charter Standard club is playing their part to give the players a positive experience. We have individual Respect codes of conduct for Young players, Coaches & Club officials as well as Spectators & Parents/carers.

“We only do Positive “ is the strapline of the FA in respect to their approach and is also CHFC’s aim.

Young Players

Play your best. Be your best. Make sure you and everyone around you has a good time on and off the pitch

The FA’s Code of Respect: When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what’s best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I’m unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I’ve upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training



Spectators & Parents/ Carers

If we behave positively during practice and matches, our children will too. By setting a good example, we'll help build a supportive environment in which everyone can enjoy themselves

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



Coaches & Club Officials

Set the standards for a great game, Use your position to set a positive example for the people you're responsible for and lead a better game for everyone.

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
- Suspended by the club from attending matches & or suspended/fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn



Breaches of Conduct

If an individual wishes to report a breach of conduct, they should approach the relevant team coach / manager. Where this is not appropriate, they should approach a member of the Senior Committee- they can be contacted through the following contact info@coalpitheathfc.org.uk. If a breach of conduct cannot be resolved in an informal manner, the relevant Committee can be asked to formally consider the matter. The Committee will then take whatever action they deem to be necessary

Team Selections

Team selection for junior (friendly) football at under 10 and lower should take account of the club's „all inclusive“ philosophy and should aim to strike a balance between being competitive and giving a chance for all players to represent the club.

Team selection at under 11 and upwards for competitive fixtures will be based on fielding the strongest, most balanced side available for matches, taking into account the following criteria:

- Team formation
- Ability and current form
- Team working
- Attitude
- Availability

The Realities of League Football

Year Group managers are very happy to talk to parents about the football development of any player and will give honest and constructive feedback

The attitude, sportsmanship and behaviour of some opposing teams (players, officials and parents) are not always as we would like them to be! We will make sure that we stick to our values and represent Coalpit Heath Youth Football Club appropriately at all times – as challenging as that might sometimes be!