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SPECTATORS AND PARENTS / CARERS

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

- The Oxford FA have signed up to the yellow armband initiative for U18s referees. The purpose of these armbands is to remind everyone that the referee is still subject to the children's safeguarding legislation – and should therefore be protected, encouraged and treated with respect. **Abuse - of any kind - aimed at a referee wearing a yellow armband will be dealt with the harshest of penalties up to and including a substantial fine and suspension against the club which could impact all teams, of all ages, and not just the team involved**

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. **Winning isn't everything.**

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

AS A SPECTATOR, PARENT OR CARER I WILL:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- **Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour**

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

IN ADDITION:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club



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FA & CLUB INITIATIVES:

- **Play Safe** is the FA Initiative relating to football's national campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding in our national game. Learn more here: <https://www.thefa.com/PlaySafe>
- **Enough is Enough** is the FA initiative addressing behaviours in the grassroots game. Learn more here: <https://www.thefa.com/news/2022/aug/31/enough-is-enough-20220109>
- **Oxford FA Yellow Armband** is the FA initiative to safeguard U18 referees. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/ofa-yellow-u18>
- **Feedback** is welcomed; however, it needs to be provided 'behind closed doors' and not on the sidelines after a match when emotions can be running high, or in front of the children. It is good practice to allow 24 hours to pass to allow emotions to subside. The coach's decision is final
- **Parent/Carer, Spectator Violations** A first violation will result in a yellow card and the issue will be recorded, any subsequent violations will result in a red card that will be investigated according to the severity and may result in expulsion from the club. Extreme cases, or where there is, or has been a pattern, of repeat behaviour, could result in expulsion from the club
- **Disciplinary** Any costs relating to disciplinary behaviour incurred by the club, on behalf of a player or parent/carer/spectator will be passed on to the parent/carer/spectator. Failure to pay these costs will result in the parent/carers/spectators dependant player not being able to play until the costs have been paid in full (including and beyond any suspension applied by the FA)

FA Disciplinary Indicative Fee Ranges

Fee Type	Offender	From	To
Admin Fee	All	£12	£15
Fine	U18	£10	£200
	Parent/Carer/Spectator	£50	£200

Where the club is liable for a totting up offence (e.g. a club charge for having four offences of violent conduct or assault) the resulting charge will be equally apportioned to each offender regardless of team/age group

Full FA disciplinary fee structure is available upon request

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