



Hednesford AFC - Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

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When registering with Hednesford AFC, all parents and carers agree to support their child's football journey in a positive, respectful way. This Code of Conduct builds on that agreement and applies to all parents, carers, and spectators at training, matches, and events.

Our goal is to create the best possible environment for every player to enjoy their football and feel supported from the sidelines.

As a parent or spectator, I will:

- Encourage my child to enjoy playing football and give their best not just to win.
- Applaud effort and fair play from both teams.
- Respect coaches, referees, and opposition players and supporters.
- Let coaches coach I won't shout instructions or get involved in decisions.
- Make sure my child arrives on time and is ready for sessions.
- Support the team positively win, lose or draw.
- Communicate calmly with coaches, raising any concerns in private and through the right channels.
- Reinforce the values of respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship at home.
- Contact a Welfare Officer if I have a safeguarding concern.

I will not:

- Use bad language, argue with coaches or officials, or shout aggressively from the sidelines.
- Criticise players (including my own child), referees, or opposition in front of others.
- Undermine the coach's role by giving different instructions.
- Enter the pitch unless invited by a coach or referee.
- Post anything online that brings the club, a child, or another family into disrepute.

If I break this Code, the club will follow a clear three-step process:

- Verbal Warning: A calm discussion with a lead coach or committee member about the behaviour.
- Written Warning: A formal letter outlining the concern and a reminder of the Code of Conduct.
- Removal: If behaviour continues, the club reserves the right to ask the child to leave the team or club.

You agreed to support this Code of Conduct when registering your child. This is about making sure every player including your own has the chance to develop, enjoy their football, and feel proud to wear the badge.

Let's support the right way.

Let's lead by example.

Let's wear the badge the right way.