



## **Brockham Badgers FC**

### **Code of Conduct for Players**

#### **General**

All those involved with football at every level, whether as a player, match official, coach or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high.

#### **Community**

Football at all levels is a vital part of a community. The Club will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

#### **Equality**

The Club is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it from being expressed, in whatever form.

#### **Participants**

The Club recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. The Club is committed to appropriate consultation with those who so participate.

#### **Young People**

The Club acknowledges the extent that sport can influence young people and pledges to set a positive example

#### **Propriety**

The Club acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour and as such will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

#### **Trust and Respect**

The Club will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in football, whether they are individuals or other clubs and organisations.

#### **Violence**

The Club rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

#### **Fairness**

The Club is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

#### **Integrity and Fair Play**

The Club is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

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Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game but not winning at any cost. Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

### **Obligations towards the game**

*A player should:*

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.

### **Obligations towards one's own team**

*A player should:*

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the laws of the sport to help the team win.
- Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

### **Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules**

*A player should:*

- Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### **Respect towards Opponents**

*A player should:*

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

### **Respect towards the Match Officials**

*A player should:*

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

### **Respect towards Team Officials**

*A player should:*

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

### **Obligations towards the Supporters**

*A player should:*

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.