

Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players and Parents

Omonia Youth FC values the role of sport and its contribution to overall human development by providing good quality footballing opportunities in a safe and positive environment.

Our club promotes personal, professional, and social well-being through footballing experiences, regardless of an individual's socio-economic status, age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

Our Codes of Conduct set minimum standards of best practice for everyone associated with the club, coaches, players, parents/carers and volunteers.

We must all aim to improve standards and protect the welfare and well-being of everyone involved in our club, in particular young footballers and those who are vulnerable.

We must all strive to embody values, virtues and standards of excellence appropriate to our club setting. Ultimately, we must actively pursue our goals, realising the importance of our own, and our fellow participant's commitment to uphold ethical duties and social responsibilities to others.

At the beginning of every season, every coach, player, parent and official has to **read** and **sign** a code of conduct.

Omonia Youth FC is fully supportive of the FA Respect campaign and details of each person's responsibilities are listed in the appropriate code of conduct sections, full details are available on the FA web site: <http://www.thefa.com/my-football/player/respect>

If you have any concerns regarding respect or welfare issues please contact the Club Welfare Officer.



Code of Conduct for Coaches & Managers

- 1.Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- 2.Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- 3.Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- 4.Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- 5.Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- 6.Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 7.Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- 8.Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- 9.Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interest of the player.
- 10.Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- 11.Always respect the match official's decision and never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- 12.Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- 13.Coaches must consistently display and promote high standards of behaviour and appearance at all times.
- 14.Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language
- 15.Coaches and Managers must accept they are ambassadors for the club and will be expected to be positive role models

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or removed by the club.

In addition: My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

Players are the most important people in any 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:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities; in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. 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.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time-wasting.
5. Always have regard to the best interests of the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team: A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules: A player should:

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

Respect towards Opponents: A player should:

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

Respect toward the Match Officials: A player should:

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Code of Conduct for Players continued

Respect towards the Team Officials: A player should:

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

Obligations towards the Supporters: A player should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Spectators

Ensure that parents/spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Parents/Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within the club it is important to reinforce the message to parents/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques

A parent's/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

Ensure that parents/spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own. Encourage parents/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
- Avoid coaching the child during the game
- Not to shout and scream
- Respect the referee's decision
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA 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.