



RESPECT

The St Nicholas FC Tournament and Festival of Football will be run fully in compliance with the FA Respect codes of conduct as follows:

Respect Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This includes the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the side line. Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- ✓ Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- ✓ Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- ✓ Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- ✓ Always respect the match officials' decisions
- ✓ Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- ✓ Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- ✓ Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Respect Code of Conduct for Spectators and Parents / Carers:

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

St Nicholas YFC fully supports the FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. 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 and parents/carers at all times.

Remember that children play for FUN:

- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

Respect Code of Conduct for Youth Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- ✓ Always play to the best of my ability
- ✓ Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- ✓ Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- ✓ Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- ✓ Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- ✓ Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- ✓ Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy

St Nicholas FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any club football activity. We subscribe to The FA Safeguarding Children – Policy and Procedures and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document.

The key principles of The FA Safeguarding Children Policy are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, faith or belief
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents/carers is essential.

We acknowledge that every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice and abuse. St Nicholas FC recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club and we expect the same from all clubs joining us for this tournament. Every club has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is accepted that The FA's Safeguarding Children Regulations (see The FA Handbook) applies to everyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. This means whether you are a volunteer, match official, helper on club tours, football coach, club official or medical staff.

All clubs in this tournament are affiliated and therefore have demonstrated compliance with the FA's Safeguarding Children Policy. The tournament organisers, match officials, supporters and most importantly the players should be able to enjoy football. Please help us to make this a child friendly and positive environment for all to enjoy.

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