**Code of Conduct for**

**Southgate County FC**

# Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

1. **Code of Conduct for Players**

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.

All players of Southgate County FC (the Club) are expected to abide by this code of conduct that represents fair play and respect for all involved in the game. Players are expected to:

* Adhere to the Laws of the game.
* Make every effort to develop my 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 his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
* Display and promote high standards of behaviour 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.
* Promote fair play
* Always respect the match officials, decisions.
* Never engage in public criticism of match officials.
* Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
* Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment.
* Speak to match officials, my team-mates, the opposition and my manager with respect.
* Remember that we all make mistakes.
* Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and match officials at the end of the game.
1. **Code of Conduct for Team Officials**

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

**Obligations towards the Game**

The team official should:

* Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
* Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
* Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
* Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
* Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
* Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
* Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

**Obligations towards the Team**

* Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using all permitted means.
* Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
* Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
* Promote ethical principles.
* Show due respect to the interests of players, coaches and other officials, at their own club/team and others.

**Obligations towards the Supporters**

* Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

**Respect towards the Match Officials**

* Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
* Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
* Show due respect towards Match Officials.

All players and officials of the club must understand that if they do not follow the code of conduct then any/all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, the County FA or The FA. These include:

* Apologising to match officials, team-mates, the opposing team and/or team manager.
* Receiving a warning from the club committee.
* Being required to attend an FA education course.
* Being substituted and dropped.
* Being required to serve a suspension.
* Being fined.
* Being required to leave the Club.

In addition, the County FA or FA could also impose a fine and/or suspension on players or the club.