





## **EVERTON AFC Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians**

Everyone involved in sport, children, parents/guardians should accept their role and responsibilities and undertake to commit to maintaining an enjoyable and safe environment for all participants. There exists a duty of care on all adults to safeguard children. Adults have a crucial leadership role to play in football and all sport. Whether they are parents/guardians or sports leaders or teachers, they can contribute to the creation of a positive sporting environment for young people. Positive relationships will result in growth, development, and fulfilment for all those involved in children's sport. Parents/guardians play a key role in the support and promotion of an ethical approach to football and young people's enjoyment our game. Parents/guardians therefore need to be aware, informed and involved in promoting the safest possible environment for children to enjoy their participation in football. Coaches need the support of parents/guardians in conveying the fair play message. All participants in football have a responsibility to keep the sport safe, fun, and conducted with a spirit of fair play for all.

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- Always show respect for all players, opponents, managers/coaches, match officials & club officials.
- Have realistic expectations for your son/daughter and do not put him/her under undue pressure.
- Ensure that your son/daughter arrives on time for training and matches and that safe arrangements are in place for getting your son/daughter home afterwards.
- If your son/daughter cannot make training, please contact the manager/coach.
- If your son/daughter cannot make a match please contact the manager/coach in plenty of time to ensure that they can plan to ensure that they have a squad/team.
- Leave coaching to the coaches. Please remember all our coaches have obtained at least a minimum qualification in coaching.
- Respect the managers/coach's decisions.
- Accept disappointment, praise good work and refrain from criticising.
- Support the club's fund-raising activities where possible.
- If your son/daughter requires hospital treatment a parent must attend.
- Emphasise skill development and practice over winning and how they benefit your child (and other children/players).
- Give the coach help when asked and show appreciation for a job well done. Remember that they are giving up their spare time voluntarily to coach your child.
- Support the coach's and referee's decisions. These individuals are only doing the best they can, and they need support not anger.
- Refrain from contacting the coach unless it is necessary, respect they have a private life.
- Failure to abide by any of the above rules can result in suspension/expulsion from club activities including matches.



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