



ST PETERS IVER FOOTBALL CLUB

Player's code of conduct

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.

As a player you agree to:

- be prepared to start training at the time specified by individual coaches
- be appropriately dressed with the correct footwear and any safety equipment needed, i.e. gloves, shin pads, etc
- remember to always bring a drink to training/matches
- listen to your coach and be respectful
- set a good example for others and show respect to them whether they are opponents, officials, spectators or team mates
- encourage team mates at all times, mistakes are a part of football and learning
- accept the referee's or linesman's decisions without protest
- not use inappropriate language or actions, do not seek to cause harm to any player
- act in the spirit of fair play and do not seek to cheat or deceive officials
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally
- look after club property and help put equipment away when asked
- smile and have fun!

Our code is based on the code for players involved in top-class football which is detailed below:

Obligations Towards the Game

- 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 his 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; and
- not use inappropriate language.

Obligations Towards Ones Own Team

- make every effort consistent with fair play and the laws of the game to help his own team win; and
- 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

- know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules;
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally; and

- resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect Towards Opponents

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

Respect Towards the Match Officials

- accept the decision of the match official without protest;
- avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official; and
- show due respect towards match officials.

Respect Towards Team Officials

- abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code; and
- show due respect towards the team officials of the opposition.

Obligations Towards the Supporters

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.