

**Washington AFC
Code of Conduct**

Dear Parents/ Children

Washington AFC aims to create a positive environment for players, parents and coaches. The club have in place a 'Code of Conduct' that we require all members to acknowledge and adhere to, so that the club can provide an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Your child's football is a time for them to develop their technical skills, understanding of the game and being socially involved with other people. Winning isn't everything.

The Club would like all parents to visit the FA.com website to complete Parents Respect on line course as this highlights what the Club sets out to achieve. You do not have to register for a FAN Number (see the Help notes) on completion of this course you will not receive a certificate if you choose not to register for a FAN Number. To view The FA Parents Respect type the link into your search engine:

<http://www.thefa.com/respectguide>

Our club expect high standards of behaviour and respect from players and spectators.
Please read the following points, and then sign the form accepting to abide by them, and return to the coach in charge of your team.

Kind regards
Club Committee

Players

As a player for Washington AFC I will:

1. Wear WAFC match day clothing given to you at the beginning of the season.
2. On arrival shirts should be tucked in, socks pulled up, shins must be worn, no jewellery and hair to be tied back
3. Always do my best, even if the team is losing
4. Play fairly at all times, I will not cheat.
5. Respect the referee decision is final and I will not complain
6. Respect my fellow team mates, opposition team, referee, spectators and my coach
7. At the end of the match, shake hands with the opponents by lining up, whatever the result
8. Play safely, remembering it is only a game, and should be enjoyed

I understand if I do not follow the code any/ all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, County FA or The FA

1. Be required to apologise to my team mates, the other team, referee of coach
2. Receive a formal warning from the coach or the Club Committee
3. Be dropped or substituted
4. Be suspended from training
5. Be required to leave the Club

I understand the code above and have to signed show that it will be followed

Signed: (child) Date:

Print: (child)

Parents/ Spectators

As a parent of the Club I will:

1. Watch the match from a sensible position which does not interfere with play
2. Never use offensive/ insulting/ abusive language or behaviour
3. Always respect the referee decisions
4. Appreciate good football by applauding both teams
5. Please remember that your coach is giving up their free time, so that your child can participate
6. Decisions of the coach must never be questioned
7. Must not approach the coach during, at half time with regards to substitutions
8. You must refrain from coaching on the sidelines. Your child is to be coached by your coach and will have been given specific roles/instructions. Your input, however, small may confuse your child and affect their performance
9. Never criticise a player for making a mistake-mistakes are part of learning
10. Support your child, their team and also the opponents
11. Please remember your child plays because he/ she enjoys the game and wants to develop. So the final result is not the be all and end all. At the end of the match congratulate your child.

I understand 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

1. Issued with a verbal warning from a Club or league official
2. Required to meet with the Club, League or County Welfare Officer
3. Required to meet the Club Committee
4. Obligated to undertake an FA education course such as Soccer Parent
5. Request to leave the match venue by the Club
6. Requested by the Club not to attend future games
7. Required to leave the Club with my children(s)

I understand the code above and have signed to show that it will be followed

Signed (Mother): (Parent) Date:

Print (Mother): (Parent)

Signed (Father): (Parent) Date:

Print (Father): (Parent)

Head Coach: Date: