

Tadworth Football Club

(hereinafter referred to as 'The Club')

Code of Conduct for Team Officials

Team officials are key to the establishment of ethics in sport.

Team official's ethics and their attitude directly affect the behaviour of players under their supervision. Team officials are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Team officials have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for team officials. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for team officials to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of The Club, coach, team official or parent.

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:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop their team having regard to the interest of the players, supporters and reputation of the sport.
3. 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.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard for the best interests of the match/game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the match/game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the match/game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team

The team official should:

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.

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3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles.
5. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should:

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official should:

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.