



# Code of Conduct

*All members of the Beckenham Angels, players, coaches, supporters and administrators are obliged to comply with the following Code of Conduct, as well as any other codes published by Football West.*

## **Responsibility**

All players, match officials and spectators are responsible for their own behaviour both on and off the field. Parents and guardians of junior players are responsible for the behaviour of their children.

## **Violence and abuse**

There is no place for violence in our Club on or off the field and the Club will not tolerate foul or abusive language directed towards players, opponents, match officials, administrators or spectators.

## **Discrimination**

The Club will not accept discrimination against any person or vilification of any person on the basis of their race, gender, ethnicity or sexuality.

## **Professionalism and appropriate standards**

All persons associated with Beckenham Angels Soccer Club must maintain the utmost professionalism when conducting activities associated with the sport. In particular all must be aware that the Club has a duty of care to under-age players. At all times members of the Club are required to:

- respect and care for the welfare of junior players
- only engage in behaviour that is appropriate for young girls to witness and experience
- support the technical and personal growth of junior members by offering encouragement where needed and leading through example at other times.

## **Players** are required to :

- Follow any direction from coaches and Club administrators.
- Attend training regularly and provide 24 hours notice if possible if unable to attend training or a match.
- Participate fully in all training sessions and matches and not engage in any activity that will distract or disrupt other players.
- Play by the rules at all times.
- Foster an environment of inclusivity and encouragement, offering peer support where necessary.
- Act as assistant referee (linesperson) as required.
- Assist with junior teams through coaching, assisting with training sessions, or officiating at matches.
- Participate in promotional opportunities and fund raising activities as required.
- At all times recognise that whilst in uniform or wearing the club logo they are representing the Club and should behave in manner that only reflects positively on the Club.
- Strive for professionalism in their technical and personal growth as elite female athletes.

**Coaches** are required to:

- Treat all members of the team with equal respect and consideration. All players deserve equal attention and training time regardless of their ability.
- Be reasonable with demands on players' time and energy and give regard to other commitments that they may have, particularly education commitments of younger players.
- Require all players in their squad to play within the spirit of the game and will ensure that the emphasis of the team is on participation.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with football including but not limited to players, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators and media.
- At all times accept official medical advice with regard to a sick or injured player.

**Junior Coaches** are required to abide by all general expectations of coaches and also have a particular responsibility to ensure that junior players are nurtured and that demands are appropriate to their skill level. Junior coaches are required to:

- Place equal emphasis on skill development, pleasure in participation and winning.
- Encourage players to try their best without admonishing or ridiculing their attempts.
- Ensure that any physical contact with junior players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for their football development.
- Immediately raise any concerns regarding the behaviour of a junior player or the behaviour of others towards junior players with the responsible parent/guardian and the Club President.
- Ensure that where coaching is provided to junior players from persons other than the team coach, that activity is authorised by the Club.

**Spectators** are required to:

- Demonstrate the principles of good sportsmanship at all times and show respect to players from both sides and match officials.
- Enthusiastically support the team, the players and coaches.
- Never ridicule or abuse a player for making a mistake.
- Refrain from using foul or abusive language.

**Administrators** are required to:

- Use their best endeavours at all times to promote the interests of the Club.
- Declare any potential or real conflicts of interests.
- Ensure that the players and coaches are supplied with the necessary equipment and that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of the players.
- Ensure that the Club engages in sound management practices.