



## NTJFC Code of Conduct

### Players' code of conduct

1. All players must at all times adhere to all rules and regulations laid down by The Football Association and the committee of Northallerton Town Juniors F.C.
2. Players will refrain from arguing with the referee or with the assistants on or off the field of play.
3. We are a grassroots club with the purpose to provide for all children in the local community. Ensuring we provide opportunity for children to train and to play football matches so they can learn to love and play the game appropriately whilst having fun and developing.
4. Players should show a high standard of behaviour that is expected by any players that represents Northallerton Town Juniors F.C.
5. Players will respect the property of the club. They will not attempt anything that could cause harm to property, themselves or others.
6. Remember that football is a team sport so respect your teammates, the coaches the opposition players, officials and spectators. We are all here to enjoy playing football with our friends and others.
7. Players at all times must show respect to opposing team players by participating in the respect handshake (current guidelines permitting) after the game. Players must conduct themselves during the game in an appropriate way even if the respect is not shown from opposing players. Players should walk away and concentrate on playing football and attempt to win the game in the appropriate way.
8. Match day subs to cover the referee costs will be charged to all players who are selected to play any league or cup game. This will be paid to the manager (authorised person to collect) before kick-off. Any player not offering these subs will be deemed ineligible to play.
9. If a player's conduct comes into question by the committee the player will be notified in writing of the charges and of the decision made by the committee. The player will then have 14 days to put his or her case in writing to the club secretary.
10. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated on or off the field of play. Also any violent conduct will mean an instant suspension from the club. In serious circumstances this could also lead to the withdrawal of the whole team from the league or cup competitions.
11. If a player receives a card from the referee it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay the fine. If the fine is not paid within 7 days, the player will not be eligible to play league and cup matches.

1. Parents, guardians and spectators must realise that the reason a player is playing football is for the enjoyment of the player and not for the benefit of the parent or guardian.
2. It is the responsibility of every parent, guardian and spectator to assist the manager and officials in helping the player to enjoy the game of football. This could involve the setting up and packing away of a match day pitch and/or taking on the roles to support the grassroots volunteer coaches. This support will benefit your team and make it a better experience for all.
3. Parents, guardians and spectators should support all players at all times. You are supporting your child to be able to play football to the best of their ability, this will be done through encouragement and the praise of all players at appropriate times whilst trying to refrain from any negativity towards any players which could harm the team or individual player development. Try to refrain from pointing out what the child is doing wrong and always try to pick out a positive. The players are learning how to play and will have a better chance of developing if they learn from making their own mistakes as well as getting it right. We as a club and as coaches appreciate the frustrations of watching grassroots football at times but please try to contain this for the benefit of the team and individuals.
4. It is responsibility of all parents and guardians to ensure the safe transport of their child to and from training and matches. We can a times support each other as parents and share lifts but do not assume there will be transport available.
5. Each parent, guardian and spectator must respect the referee, even when their opinion differs from yours. They are in full control of the game and the decision of the referee will not be changed by anyone else other than an assistant. The referee has the authority to ask a parent or supporter to leave the playing area and/or park. If this should happen it will become a matter for the committee as to whether that person will be suspended from the club. If asked to leave and a parent/spectator refuses to leave, the game will be delayed and/or cancelled if needs be to protect the players. In extreme circumstances the police will be called to remove the offender.
6. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated from the side-lines or within the hearing of any players regardless of the situation. Any violent conduct will mean an instant suspension from the club. This could also extend to the child of the parent or the guardian or the withdrawal of the whole team from all league and cup competitions. This will follow the same as in point 5 in serious circumstances.
7. Parents, guardians and spectators will not exert any undue pressure or try to influence in any way the managers, coaches or officials in order to gain any benefit for themselves, their child or the team.
8. Parents, guardians and spectators must take responsibility for helping to guide all players in good sportsmanship and in the right way to conduct themselves on and off the field of play.
9. All parents, guardians and spectators will maintain a very high standard of behaviour at all times.
10. If a parent, guardian or spectator receives a card from the referee for abusive behaviour, the parent or guardian is responsible for paying the fine for the misconduct. If the parent, guardian or spectator refuses to pay the fine the player will not be eligible to play league and cup matches.