

# RESPECT

Important information for managers, coaches, players and supporters -  
under 13s and up

At Cove Youth FC we work hard to provide children and young people with a fantastic space where they are supported, encouraged and nurtured.

It is important that our footballing environment is a positive one for all children. This means that we respect everyone we come into contact with – coaches, managers, match officials, other players, ourselves and all the volunteers that give up their time to help run our club.

**We would like to take this opportunity to remind ALL players what ‘RESPECT’ means for players at Cove Youth.**

- Football is fun! Your training and game time should be positive, encouraging each other, and showing great teamwork and dedication. Your coaches are giving up their free time to share their love of football with you. Please show them respect by listening to what they are telling you, paying attention and doing as asked.

- **Bullying**

Bullying will not be tolerated. Any incidences of bullying should be reported to the team manager and/or club welfare officers – contact details below. Any incidences of bullying will be fully investigated and action taken against the perpetrator. Sanctions may include suspension from training and matches, match bans and/or removal from Cove Youth FC.

- **Racism and Homophobia**

Racism and homophobia are 'Hate Crimes' and are punishable by law. Depending on the age of the offender this can range from cautions through to being held on remand, being required to undertake community service, a fine, a suspended prison sentence or imprisonment.

At Cove Youth FC, we take a strong line regarding the use of homophobic and/or racist language and behaviours.

Using racist and/or homophobic language will not be tolerated. This includes the use of so-called 'banter'. The responses 'I was joking' or 'I didn't mean it' will not be accepted.

The age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales is 10. Incidents of hate crime including homophobia will be investigated and reported to the police when appropriate.

To report any incidences of racism, homophobia or bullying please speak to your Team Manager or email our Club Welfare Officer. Tracy Yates –  
[tracy@creatingfuturesrushmoor.org](mailto:tracy@creatingfuturesrushmoor.org).

For more information about the FA's commitment to protecting all children and young people please visit...  
<http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding>

If you haven't already done so please view the following video:  
<https://youtu.be/OA-pTcP9CjE>