



## **Marcham Colts FC Code of Conduct**

### **1. Marcham Colts FC**

The club shall be called (the “Club”).

### **2. Objects**

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, promote the game of Association Football, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation in the same.

### **3. This document**

The aim of this document is to provide clarity as to the expected behaviour of players, caring adults and club officials

## **Players**

The club expects all players to feel welcome and safe. No other player has the right to stop this being the case.

Reports of behaviour not seen as being fitting to the creation of this environment will be dealt with in 5 stages.

Stage 1 - coaches will speak to all players about expected behaviour and how they treat each other.

Stage 2 - an offending player will be spoken to individually in a public space following safeguarding procedures by the coach.

Stage 3 - an offending player will be spoken to by the coach in the presence of a caring adult.

Stage 4 - an offending player will receive a ban from training and matches of 1 week.

Stage 5 - The committee will discuss whether an offending player will no longer be allowed to be part of the club. They may deem it necessary to return to any stage in the plan or to extend a ban period. Financial reimbursement will not be guaranteed and will remain at the discretion of the committee.

Some offences such as physical violence, verbal abuse, bullying etc will result in bypassing 1 or more of the stages and could result in automatic expulsion from a session and further sessions until the committee has time to meet. This decision will be made by the coach in the first instance and committee members, including safeguarding officer will be notified as soon as possible.

## **Caring Adults**

Caring adults are expected to stay at club event, including training and games, or make another parent aware they are responsible for their child until such an age as the coach deems this no longer necessary. In all cases the coach should be informed of the responsible adult or if the parent is not going to be present. This should be seen as a matter of course until a minimum of u9s.



It will remain at the coaches discretion if parents are expected to stay at club events after this point.

It is the responsibility of the caring adult to ensure medical information and contact details are up to date and the coach is informed of any changes that may impact the safety of the child.

The club expects prompt collection of children from any event at which they are left unless it has been previously agreed for the child to make their own way home.

At club events caring adults should help create a positive playing environment for all, including not solely all linked to the club, the opposition and the referee.

If this is deemed not the case by the coach will speak to those involved.

Further occurrences will result in the coach informing the committee who will communicate with those responsible.

Further cases may result in the caring adult not being able to attend club events.

Other adults reserve the right to inform the coach or any member of the committee if they see a parent's behaviour as being unacceptable.

As with player behaviour some offences may result in immediate suspension or expulsion. The coaches have the right to expel any adult until the committee have had the chance to meet.

### **Coaches and committee members**

All those associated with the club are held to the same high level of behavioural expectation. Any adult can report cases of unacceptable behaviour to the safeguarding officer or chairman in the first instance. Or if this is not deemed appropriate to another member of the committee or the county FA.

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