



Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

The Frank Muir Lions ethos;

Firstly, the club would like to remind all spectators that this document highlights our goal to ensure that all players within the club develop their footballing skills, feel safe and are encouraged by those around them, enabling them to develop a true love for the game. The club will ensure that our decisions always have the best interests of players.

Most of our spectators are parents, relatives and friends and we must remember to give encouragement and support to the players, modeling appropriate and positive behaviours **at all times**. This in turn will support the successful development of the club and its community.

Please enjoy being a spectator, the players appreciate your support.

The role of the spectator:

As a club, we expect the following from our parents and spectators:

- To praise effort and performance more than results.
- To praise good sportsmanship and behavior and show that adults value it, appreciating good football by BOTH teams.
- Give good notice if you are unable to attend a game or training.
- Be considerate to players, officials and supporters of both teams.
- Learn and help players to understand the Laws of the Game.
- Set a good example and give players a clear idea of the behaviour expected.
- Support ALL players in a manner that will maintain the high standards the club expects from all of its players, parents, spectators, managers and coaches.
- Actively offer to help the club in supporting roles e.g. lines person, respect marshal, pitch set up etc.

The club needs you to:

- The football club is run by volunteers and needs parents and supporters to actively help and support it.
- Talk to the manager if you have any concerns or questions.
- Read and understand the club's procedures on Child Protection and other codes of conduct which can be found on our website
- Inform your manager if your son or daughter is sent off or booked in a game other than representing Frank Muir Lions FC.
- Ensure that any fines incurred by your child are reimbursed to the club
- Ensure monthly fees are paid on time prior to the end of each month during the season



- Ensure the players coach is made aware of any medical or social factors impacting their child and their engagement with the club / team.
- Be actively involved in promoting the profile of Safeguarding, raising any concerns you may have quickly and without hesitation to either the welfare officer or the coaches.

Equally players can expect that parents and spectators DO NOT:

- attempt to 'coach' or 'manipulate' any players whilst they are playing.
- shout, argue, swear, become violent or use sarcasm either directly or indirectly. Frank Muir Lions FC is responsible for parent and spectators behaviour on the touchline. Don't let the club or the players down. The club can withdraw any teams from any games, regardless of the consequences, should the team manager believe this behaviour is occurring.
- ignore children that need help or assistance.
- ever take the law into their own hands. The managers, coaches and officials have been appointed to deal with all situations. Any interference will only escalate the situation.
- get drawn into disputes. Youngsters may not understand the language being used by adults, but they are always fully aware of feelings. Arguments and expressions of disquiet will not result in a successful outcome to the game.
- force a child to play football, they should want to play and enjoy it
- attempt to influence or undermine the match officials by appealing for fouls, free kicks etc. Do not dispute or pass comment on referee and linesman's decisions or ability.
- argue with the match officials or make direct or indirect comments about the match officials. Match officials are volunteers who want to enjoy the games as much as you do.
- enter the field of play at any time. Always stand at least 1 metre back from the touchline and do not encroach onto the pitch (this includes after the game).

In the event of an issue during the game parents and spectators must NEVER contact leagues, the opposition, or the officials by telephone, letter or e-mail.

There are official procedures in place for the club to make appeals and protests. Please report any issues to your team manager who will take the appropriate action and/or refer the matter to the Club.

If you have a safeguarding concern regarding a child, please speak to the clubs Welfare office, or if a child is in immediate danger call the police on 999.