

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme Code of Conduct for Team Officials Explanation



Team officials are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly effects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Team officials are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Team officials have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for team officials. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for team officials to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach, team official or parent.