

Stockport Vikings Codes of Conduct 2008-09

These Codes of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the following Club policies, which are available from your coach and on the Club website at www.stockportvikings.com:-

- Safeguarding policy
- Equality policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Health and safety policy
- Complaints and disciplinary policy.

The Club's Codes of Conduct will be distributed, discussed and agreed by coaches, parents and players at the beginning of each season.

All feedback and suggestions including potential amendments will be recorded by coaches and discussed in the close season at the monthly club meeting.

Failure to abide with the Codes of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action and, in extreme cases, expulsion from the Club.

CLUB

To establish and promote Stockport Vikings as a club which:-

1. Places the needs of children first, making a link between safeguarding and best practice;
2. Encourages all players, parents and carers to raise concerns and participate in club decision making;
3. Promotes an inclusive culture representing the local community and players of all abilities;
4. Promotes fairness and equality by challenging racism and all inequality
5. Promotes a club ethos amongst all year groups;
6. Develops rules, procedures and codes of conduct by agreement and publicises, promotes and enforces these;
7. Safeguards the assets of the club and establishes financial responsibility in all matters;
8. Keeps all members, coaches, parents, carers and players informed, updating the website and produces newsletters where necessary;
9. Acts within the guidelines of the Football Association.

COACHES

All coaches will:-

1. Create a friendly, enjoyable and safe environment;
2. Treat all players equally and not favour the better players;
3. Listen to children and involve them;
4. Promote fair play, respect for opponents and referees and be a good role model;
5. Avoid shouting criticism and encroaching on the playing area;
6. Be prepared, punctual and develop their own skills.

PLAYERS

Players will:-

1. Respect and encourage team mates;
2. Treat opponents and referees with respect;
3. Listen and respond positively to the coaches;
4. Represent the club in a positive manner;
5. Give 100%, develop their skills, enjoy and learn;
6. Be prepared, wear appropriate clothing and look after equipment and facilities.

PARENTS / CARERS

All parents/carers will remember that it is a game for children and will:-

1. Encourage and support all players, not just their own child;
2. Set an example, respect other teams, parents, coaches and referees;
3. Support the coach and raise concerns in an appropriate and open manner;
4. Not encroach on the playing area and stand behind the designated barrier.
5. Not shout instructions from the sidelines during matches or training. Leave the coaching to the Manager & Coaches, as parental instruction confuses the children and undermines the Manager/Coach.
6. Facilitate the children's involvement by ensuring punctuality, the wearing of the correct kit, footwear and shin pads and keeping the coaches informed in cases of absence;
7. Support Club activities, pay subscriptions and notify the Club of change of address or phone number.

I have read the Codes of Conduct and understand what the Club expects of me. I also understand the implications of not adhering to the Codes.

Player: _____

Parent: _____

Coach: _____