



## Riverside United Junior Football Club Code of Conduct for Players & Supporters

### Players

- (i) A player should make every effort to develop his own sporting ability in all areas of the game
- (ii) Players should give maximum effort and strive for the best performance at all times
- (iii) Players should always try to set a positive example to others.
- (iv) Players should refrain from using all forms of gamesmanship and time- wasting.
- (v) Players should not use foul or abusive (racially or otherwise) language to members of his own team, opponents, match officials, managers or supporter.
- (v) Players should make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his/her team to win.
- (vii) Players should know and abide by the Laws, Rules and spirit of the game.
- (viii) Players should always accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally.
- (ix) Players should resist any temptations to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
- (x) Players should treat opponents with respect at all times, irrespective of the Result of the game.
- (xi) Players should avoid using violence and refrain from rough play and help injured opponents.
- (xii) Players should always accept the decisions of Match Officials without protest and show them due respect at all times.



**(xiii)** Players should always abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials.

**(xiii)** Players should show due respect towards the Team Officials and supporters of the opposition.

### **Parents/Supporters**

**(i)** Parents/Supporters should always try and set a positive example whilst they are attending a Club activity, and refrain from displaying poor behaviour or using foul or abusive language.

**(ii)** Parents/Supporters should be positive in their encouragement at all times, and applaud the opposition as well as their own team.

**(iii)** Parents/Supporters should show due respect to Match Officials at all times.

**(iv)** Parents/Supporters should avoid coaching from the touchline.

**(vi)** Parents/Supporters should keep a safe distance away from the touchline and avoid entering onto the pitch even if their child is injured.



## Let Children Play

They stand on the field with their heart beating fast,  
The whistle has blown, the die has been cast,  
Mum and Dad can't help they stand all alone,  
A goal at this moment would send the team home,  
The ball near their feet, they kick and it misses,  
There's a moan from the crowd, some boos & some hisses,  
A thoughtless voice cries "take off the bum"  
Tears fill their eyes, it's no longer fun,  
So if you're tempted to shout and groan,  
Remember it's a child who stands all alone,  
So open your heart, give them a break,  
It's moments like this, a player you make,  
Keep this in mind, please do not forget,  
They're only children – Not adults yet !!!