



Yeovil Town Ladies Football Club

Club Codes of Conduct for Club and Team Captain

The number one priority for grassroots players is having a referee for their matches. You have a vital role in helping us to achieve this. 7,000 refs drop out each season due to the abuse and intimidation they receive.

The FA's Respect programme includes four practical steps to improve behaviour on the pitch and sidelines:

1. Codes of Conduct for players, spectators, refs, coaches.
2. Designated Spectator Areas Along the sidelines, behind which all spectators should stay.
3. Captain taking responsibility that's you!
4. Referee managing the game (applying the Laws of the Game).

Captain's responsibilities

- As a captain, you have no special status or privileges under the Laws of the Game, but you do have a degree of responsibility for the behaviour of your team.
- To promote Respect, the referee will work with you, as the team captain, to manage the players and the game effectively.
- Even if you are some way away from an incident when the referee feels he/she needs you involved in a discussion with a player, the referee will call you over. This will ensure that, as the team captain, you remain the point of contact for the referee.
- Referee managing the game. The referee has been asked to work with you to manage the players and the game effectively.
- However, in his/her own right, the referee must control the game by applying the Laws of the Game. This includes dealing firmly with any open show of dissent by players (e.g. not to move away from the incident, but stay and deal with it).
- The type of unwanted behaviour which often gives rise to problems in matches, and where captains and referees need to work together, can be described as 'harassment' and 'challenging behaviour' towards the referee.

The Professional Game and Respect

The professional game has a big role to play in demonstrating Respect towards match officials.

Here are the five key Respect steps the professional game have agreed:

1. Captain taking responsibility.
2. Referee managing the game.
3. Pre-match briefing meeting with referee and managers/captains.
4. Team handshake before kick-off.
5. Managing behaviour in the technical area.

For more details on these steps go to: TheFA.com/Respect



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Captain tips to instil Respect

- Ensure you wear a Respect captain's armband – these will be provided by your club.
- Together with your opposition captain, make yourself known to the referee before the game. He/she will ask if you are clear about your responsibilities.
- Ensure all your players understand what they can/cannot do in relation to the referee and what is meant by 'unwanted behaviour'. This can only benefit your match and football as a whole.
- Ensure your vice-captain (appoint one if you haven't got one) is aware of these rules, in case you are unavailable for a game.
- Ensure every player in your team has signed the Respect Code of Conduct.

Name:

Signed:

Date:



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