

FOOTY JAPAN YOUTH COMPETITIONS RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

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Footy Japan Youth Competitions are designed to provide a positive and development-focused football experience.

All players, parents/spectators, coaches, and referees are expected to contribute to a respectful and enjoyable environment.

YOUNG PLAYERS

When playing football, players are expected to:

- Always play to the best of their ability and for the benefit of the team
 - Play with honesty and with a good spirit
 - Respect their team-mates, the other team, the referee and their coach
 - Play by the rules
 - Be gracious in victory and defeat and say thank you to the other team and referee at the end of the game
 - Listen and respond to what their coach tells them
 - Understand that a coach makes decisions in the best interest of the team
 - Talk to someone they trust or the academy welfare officer if they are unhappy with someone or something at the academy
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PARENTS / SPECTATORS

We all have the responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Remember that children play for FUN
 - Praise effort and good play as well as success
 - Respect the referee's decisions even when they don't agree with them
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- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
 - Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectators' area (generally on the opposite side of the pitch to the team bench)
 - Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
 - Encourage the players to respect each other, the opposition and the referee
 - Support positively and give players encouragement, not criticism
 - Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
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COACHES

We all have the responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

On and off the field, coaches are expected to:

- Use their position to set a positive example for the young people they are responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the referee's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

When working with players, coaches are expected to:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities they organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Communicate with each player with empathy

REFEREES

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the referee has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game, both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Referees are expected to:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players, coaches or supporters
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour from players and coaches and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains or coaches
- Be prepared mentally and physically for each match

GENERAL

This Code of Conduct sets out the expected standards of behaviour across all Footy Japan Youth Competitions and British Football Academy activities.

Serious or repeated breaches will be reviewed and addressed by the competition administration and relevant staff, with appropriate action taken where necessary.

FURTHER INFORMATION

More detailed competition rules and guidelines will be provided where necessary for specific competitions.