

Code of Conduct
Parents and Spectators
Great Horwood FC Junior Section

Parents and Spectators have a great influence on a young player's enjoyment and success in football. A positive attitude which encourages and supports a young player will contribute enormously to a young player's sense of achievement, self-esteem, and progress in developing skills and techniques. Conversely, a negative attitude which focuses on poor performance or unrealistic expectations will have the opposite effect and can lead to the young player abandoning the Game.

Young players need time to develop, and an appropriate environment in which to do so. It is the role of the Managers and Coaches and Parents and Spectators to establish this context, and ensure that football continues to provide what the player wants most from it: fun.

Parents and Spectators should:

1. set positive examples of good sportsmanship and fair play
2. be realistic in their expectations
3. give more emphasis to the positives than the negatives
4. help and encourage all young players
5. show respect for all players, referees, team officials, and supporters
6. accept the decision of the referees without protest
7. look after the facilities and equipment

During games, Parents and Spectators should not:

8. coach or attempt to influence any player whilst a game is in progress
9. attempt to influence a game by appealing for fouls or free kicks
10. use excessive shouting from the touchline
11. swear or use derogatory comments
12. argue with the referees or team officials
13. encourage unsporting behaviour