Code of Conduct for Children & Staff

Principles

This Code of Conduct for Children is a general framework to encourage and support appropriate behavior and help Shear Soccer to provide safe activities and services. This code should be read in conjunction with the Code of Behavior for Children. Shear Soccer believes that all children and young people have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Privacy
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Enjoy their chosen activity in a safe environment
- Ask for help
- Be referred to professional help if they need it
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on
- Be protected from abuse by other participants, staff
- Participate in their chosen activity on an equal basis or from outside sources as appropriate to their ability.

The following is a list of Do's and Don'ts that outline the expected standards of behavior from children and young people engaging with Shear Soccer and should be read in conjunction with any other code of conduct applicable to the activity being participated in:

Do	be loyal and give your friends a second chance.
Do	be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members joining.
Do	be supportive and committed to your team members and offer them comfort when required.
Do	keep yourself safe.
Do	report any inappropriate behavior or risky situations for yourself and others.
Do	play fairly and be trustworthy.
Do	respect officials and accept their decisions.
Do	show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
Do	respect opponents.
Do	make our site a fun place to be.
Do	behave and listen to all instructions from staff.
Do	show respect to other ACT members and staff and show team spirit.
Do	take care of equipment owned by Shear Soccer.
Do	respect the rights, dignity and worth of all Shear Soccer participants.
Do	wear suitable clothing, shoes and/or kit for the activity you are participating in.

Do Not	cheat or be violent and/or aggressive.
Do Not	get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
Do Not	use rough and/or dangerous play.
Do Not	smoke on premises or whilst representing Shear Soccer at competitions.
Do Not	consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on Shear Soccer premises or whilst representing Shear Soccer.
Do Not	discriminate against anyone on any grounds.
Do Not	use bad language or racial/sectarian references.
Do Not	bully another person - which includes bullying via social media, texts and messaging.

Any minor misdemeanours or general misbehaviour will be addressed by the Shear Soccer staff member responsible for the activity and reported verbally to Shear Soccer DSO. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the activity. Parents/carers will be informed at all stages.

The Code of Conduct has been created for all that engage with Shear Soccer Provisions. Below outlines those that may be involved with Shear Soccer.

Coaches:

1. Shear Soccer have a responsibility to ensure that coaches, adult volunteers and young leaders use appropriate language and behaviour when working with young people and commit fully to this code of practice.
2. Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by suitably qualified and competent Coaches capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and conduct during provisions.
3. Teach participants that the rules/laws of the game are for their own safety and should be respected at all times.
4. Ensure that participants respect the ability of their opponents and the judgement of match officials.
5. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach young people to do likewise.
6. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, teachers, coaches, officials or players.
7. Understand that young people play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of this.
8. Never ridicule or shout at children for making mistakes or losing a competition.

Officials/Coaches undertaking official duties:

1. Ensure the rules and regulations follow the guidelines for the appropriate age group and therefore match the skill level of participants.
2. Reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment, over winning at all costs.
3. Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the games” for young people is not lost by overcalling violations.
4. Compliment both teams on their efforts.
5. Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling infractions.
6. Condemn the use of foul language and violence of any form.
7. Promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
8. Ensure that everyone’s behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship at all times.

9. Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religious beliefs or gender.

Failure to follow this code of conduct could result in you being removed from these roles.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been created for, coaches, match officials/leaders, participants parents/spectators to refer to when engaged with Shear Soccer Provisions:

Participants

1. Co-operate with coaches, volunteers, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no provisions!
2. Respect the officials' decisions and the rules of the game.
3. Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religious beliefs or gender.
4. Control your temper through the course of the programme. The use of bad language, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent is not permitted in any Shear Soccer provision.
5. Do not criticise others by words or gesture.
6. Work to the best of your ability both individually and as a team.
7. Be a good sport, cheer all good play whether it is from your team or the other team.
8. Respect the facility and equipment being used.

Spectators

1. Recognise the value and importance of coaches, volunteers and officials. They give their time and resources to provide opportunities and deserve support.
2. Respect the coaches and official's decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach young people to do likewise.
3. Show respect for participants.
4. Encourage participants to play according to the rules and the coaches and official's decision, remember they give up their time to provide the opportunity for your children.
5. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing participants, coaches, or officials.
6. Applaud good performance and effort by all.
7. Never ridicule or criticise young people for making a mistake.
8. Positive comments are motivational.
9. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or participants.

Failure to follow this code of conduct could result in you being asked to leave a Shear Soccer Provision.