



## Bedford Town Football Club – Youth Development Player & Parent / Guardian Code of Conducts

### THE PLAYERS CHARTER

- 1) The Player must ensure that they have the appropriate equipment / kit for each occasion. The equipment / kit must be clean, fit for purpose and presentable for matches and training as follows;
  - a) Footwear
    - i) Football boots for playing on grass
    - ii) Trainers for hard surfaces
    - iii) Boots with aluminum blades will not be worn
  - b) Kit
    - i) Shirts, Shorts and Socks ( Home & Away ) as supplied by the Club for matches
    - ii) Any additional equipment / kit supplied by the Club for matches / training such as tracksuits ( tops and / or bottoms ), jackets, bags, bobble hats, gloves etc.
  - c) Health & Safety
    - i) Shin Pads to be worn for all matches and training
    - ii) Any medication requirements should be declared to the Manager / Coach and available such as inhalers on match days and training
  - d) Welfare
    - i) Refreshments on match days and training. A filled water bottle to drink as opposed to fizzy drinks.
    - ii) Warm clothing on match days and training.
- 2) The player should give maximum effort and strive for his best performance during a game or training session
- 3) The Player must not use inappropriate language, gamesmanship or time-wasting tactics. He must set a positive example for others, particularly younger players & supporters.
- 4) The Player must abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and the competition rules
- 5) The Player must accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally. He must treat opponents with due respect always, irrespective of the result of the game
- 6) The Player must safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents where possible
- 7) The Player must accept the decision of the Match Officials without protest, avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official, and show due respect towards all Match Officials and Team Officials of the opposition
- 8) The Player must abide by the instructions of his Coach & Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code
- 9) The Player must arrive for training and matches on time or notify the Coach, in advance, of reasons for not doing so
- 10) The Player must show respect for the facilities and equipment that they use
- 11) The Player must resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques
- 12) The Player should show due respect to the interests of supporters
- 13) The Player must return all Club property (i.e. Kit - Home & Away and or equipment),
  - i) provided to them by the Club, back to the Club at the end of the season
  - ii) Or in the event they should leave the Club before the end of the season.
- 14) Where breaches of the Club's Code of Conduct have occurred, the Coach has the authority to ask a player not to attend training or matches, should they believe that to be the appropriate course of action. The Coach must ensure they have explained this course of action to the player and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s).
- 15) For more serious breaches, please refer to the disciplinary procedure outlined on the Summary pages of document.



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### **THE PARENTS / GUARDIANS CHARTER**

1. The Parent / Guardian must ensure that the Player has the required equipment and refreshments for each occasion – see Players Charter item 1 for detail.
2. The Parent / Guardian must ensure that the Player arrives and is collected by the appointed times for training sessions & matches and must deliver the Player directly to the Coach
3. The Parent / Guardian must inform the Coach, as far in advance as possible, if the Player will not be available for a training session or match
4. The Parent / Guardian must inform the Coach of any illness or ailment that may affect the performance or health of the Player. The Parent / Guardian must be aware that the Coach may require a letter of permission from either Parent / Guardian or the Player's doctor to allow the Player to resume Club activity
5. The Parent / Guardian should inform the Coach of any games that the Player has been asked to participate in, other than for Bedford Town Football Club.
6. The Parent / Guardian may not, under any circumstances, communicate directly with the Leagues or the Bedfordshire Football Association about Club business. Any correspondence about Club or Player business with these or other official football organisations should always be dealt with through the Bedford Town F.C. – Youth Development Secretary or other Club officials
7. The Parent / Guardian must always encourage ALL players during the match regardless of the result of the game
8. The Parent / Guardian should not give instructions to the players during the match or at the half-time interval. This is the responsibility of the Coach
9. The Parent / Guardian must respect the rights of the Coach to make decisions regarding training methods, team selections, substitutions and match tactics unless they contradict the spirit of this code
10. The Parent / Guardian must be courteous and polite at all times towards opponents, coaches, managers, referees and officials
11. The Parent / Guardian should feel free to approach the Coach to discuss any aspect of the Players football development
12. The Parent / Guardian should never use racial abuse or foul language in the hearing of any player
13. The Parent / Guardian must refer to players by their shirt number and not by reference to their colour, culture, race or country of origin
14. The Parent / Guardian must agree to pay any fine imposed on the Club resulting from indiscipline of their child
15. The Parent / Guardian must understand that any monies raised, or kit or equipment acquired by sponsorship or fund-raising belongs to Bedford Town Football Club
16. The taking of photographs and videos should only be done with permission from the Player's Manager/Coach and other Parents / Guardians in attendance.
17. All Parents/Guardians will be expected to perform an active role (setting out playing area, setting up goals/nets, match reports and helping fund raising committee etc.).
18. Where breaches of the Club's Code of Conduct have occurred, the Coach has the authority to ask a player not to attend training or matches, should they believe that to be the appropriate course of action. The Coach must ensure they have explained this course of action to the player and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

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**BEDFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**PLAYER / PARENT / CLUB AGREEMENT**

**SUMMARY OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

- The Player & Parent / Guardian must take responsibility to ensure that the appropriate equipment: i.e. - Boots (see Players Charter regulation 1.a.i) Shin pads, Refreshments, etc. - are provided on each occasion
- The Player & Coach should arrive at least ten minutes before training and at least thirty minutes before the match
- The Player or Parent / Guardian must inform the Coach well in advance if they are going to be late or absent from a training session or match
- Everyone must show respect for the facilities and equipment that they use. Parents / Guardians may be asked to assist in setting up or clearing away equipment
- The Player is expected to show a positive attitude and to follow directions given by the Coach
- The Player, Parent / Guardian & Coach must be courteous and polite at all times towards team-mates, opponents, coaches, managers, referees and officials
- The Player, Parent / Guardian & Coach must not swear, spit or use name-calling or racist remarks
- The Player & Coach must shake hands with the opposition and thank the referee and officials, regardless of the result of the match
- The Player, Parent / Guardian & Coach must support the team. Encouragement must be used at all times
- Acceptance that this club is a supporting member of the FA RESPECT program

Bedford Town Football Club – Youth Development  
The Eyrie, Meadow Lane  
Cardington  
Bedfordshire  
MK44 3LW



### BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Breaches of this Code of Conduct must be referred, in writing, to the Committee of Bedford Town Football Club - Youth Development Section for adjudication.

The Committee has the authority to ask players / parents/ guardians/ coaches/ helpers, not to attend training or matches whilst the incident is being investigated / considered by the Committee. Where such breaches are proven and are found to bring the Club into disrepute, the Club may take action against the offender in the form of suspensions, touchline bans or dismissal from service.

Please address any correspondence to;  
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For the attention of Bedford Town Junior Section.

*“To win at all costs is not the true test of achievement. There is nothing wrong with trying to win as long as you don’t put the prize above the performance. There is no disgrace in defeat as long as you play to your best ability and give total commitment”*

*“The Player plays, the Coach coaches, the Referee referees, the Parent parents and everyone enjoys themselves”*

This Code of Conduct defines the standards for the relationship between Players, Parents and Coaches associated with Bedford Town Football Club this season.

By signing this form, you signify your understanding & agreement of the Code of Conduct, acceptance that Bedford Town Football Club are a supporting member of the FA RESPECT program and your obligations when representing Bedford Town Football Club

NAME OF PLAYER.....

TEAM.....

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER.....

SIGNATURE OF PARENT.....

DATE.....

**Season 2019 - 2020**