



LAUNTON LADIES & GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

"Our vision is to create a safe environment for children to enjoy football within our local community. Developing player's technical ability, social skills & performance levels. We aim to introduce people to football regardless of age, ability, gender, religion, social or ethnic background."

CODE OF CONDUCT

LLFC is a grassroots, community football club with the above vision. The following is our promise to all involved with the club:

- **COMMUNITY:** LLFC, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. As a grassroots club we will take into account community impact when making decisions.
- **EQUALITY:** LLFC is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.
- **PARTICIPANTS:** LLFC recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. LLFC Committee is committed to appropriate consultation.
- **TRUST and RESPECT:** LLFC will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.
- **VIOLENCE:** LLFC rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.
- **FAIRNESS:** LLFC is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.
- **INTEGRITY AND FAIR PLAY:** LLFC is committed to playing to the best of our ability in line with Fair Play.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- All teams aim to ensure that all girls play football with a smile on their faces and have an enjoyable experience
- For Age groups U9's through to U13's, the Oxford Mail Girls Football League (OMGFL) supports non-competitive football, where all girls in each age group match day squad will get equal playing time on match days, regardless of ability and winning is not seen as the primary concern
- For Age Groups U14's – U16's, football will be played on a more competitive level, with all girls in the match day squad playing a part in the game, but equal time on the pitch is no longer guaranteed by your coach / manager
- Girls should expect, particularly in the younger age groups to rotate between positions at the request of the coach / manager, this includes the Goal Keeper position
- Youth teams will be set challenges and goals for each match, by their coach, to ensure the practice of training techniques and development, and to ensure that winning a match is not the primary and most important result. [As an example: Teams may be asked to focus on stringing 5 or more passes together during the course of a match]
- Confidential support from the Club Welfare Officer and Committee Members as appropriate



RESPECT

Respect is the FA's response to a clear message from throughout the game that the health of football depends upon high standards of behaviour on and off the pitch:

- Respect is a behavioural code for Football
- Respect is about recognising that the integrity of the game is more important than the result of a match
- Respect is for ALL and plays a key part in uniting the game
- Respect is about creating an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in football
- Respect is about those involved taking responsibility for the consequences of their own actions
- Respect is about supporting match officials to do their job
- *Respect is not a slogan. It is a collective responsibility of those involved in football to create a safe, fun and inclusive environment in which the game can take place*



YOUNG PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

When playing football I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly; I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team mates, the other team, the referees and my coach / team manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach / team manager has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player and in line with the club principles
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare Officer if I am unhappy about anything at the club.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Oxfordshire FA (OFA) or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach / team manager or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, the League, OFA or FA may make my parent / carer of any infringements of the Code of conduct
- The FA/OFA could impose a fine and suspensions against my club.



PARENTS / SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators:

At all times I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play, as well as success
- Respect the Referees decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the Respect barrier within the Designated Spectators Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referees and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Parents / carers should advise team coach / manager of availability for matches of their children with an appropriate amount of notice for squad organisation

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, OFA or the FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or OFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club or its representative
- Requested by the club not to attend future fixtures
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

- The FA/OFA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the Club



COACHES / TEAM MANAGERS & CLUB OFFICIALS – CODE OF CONDUCT

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Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators:
On and off the field I will:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match officials decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referees permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat and encourage your team to do the same

When working with players I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and environment 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 I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (eg. Officials, Doctors, Physiotherapists, Welfare Officers) for each players best interests

I understand that if I don't follow the code, any / all of the following actions may be taken by my club, OFA or the FA.

I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or OFA Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the OFA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club

In addition:

- My FA Coaching licence may be withdrawn