



# Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct information			
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## Purpose and Scope

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards and expectations for all individuals involved in football activities at Hanworth Villa Football Club. It applies to players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators to ensure a safe, fair, and respectful environment.

## General Principles

- Respect for all participants, including teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, and spectators.
- Commitment to fair play, sportsmanship, and ethical behaviour.
- Compliance with club rules, league regulations, and the Laws of the Game.
- Promotion of an inclusive and welcoming environment free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying.

## Players' Responsibilities

- Attend training sessions and matches on time, prepared, and with the correct equipment.
- Show respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.
- Play within the spirit and rules of the game, avoiding dissent and unsporting behaviour.
- Accept decisions made by match officials without argument.
- Avoid any form of violent or aggressive conduct.
- Take care of club facilities and equipment.

## Coaches and Team Officials' Responsibilities

- Provide a safe and positive learning environment for players.
- Encourage and model respectful and ethical behaviour at all times.
- Focus on player development, well-being, and enjoyment of the game.



- Treat all players fairly and support their personal growth.
- Ensure effective communication with players and parents/guardians.
- Adhere to safeguarding policies and report any concerns appropriately.

### **Parents and Spectators' Responsibilities**

- Support all players positively and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines or interfering with team management.
- Respect referees, coaches, and players, regardless of decisions made.
- Avoid abusive or offensive language and behaviour.
- Follow the club's policies regarding safety and child protection.
- Promote a friendly and respectful atmosphere for all.

### **Match Officials' Responsibilities**

- Officiate matches with impartiality, fairness, and integrity.
- Apply the Laws of the Game consistently and professionally.
- Manage the game effectively while ensuring player safety.
- Maintain a calm and respectful attitude towards players, coaches, and spectators.

### **Club Disciplinary Actions**

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which could include:

- Verbal or written warnings.
- Suspension from matches, training, or club activities.
- Permanent exclusion from the club in serious cases.
- Reporting incidents to relevant governing bodies if required.

### **Reporting Concerns**

Any concerns regarding breaches of this Code should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer or appropriate club representative. All reports will be treated confidentially and addressed promptly.

To report concerns please contact

[Youth@hanworthvilla.co.uk](mailto:Youth@hanworthvilla.co.uk) or [info@hanworthvilla.co.uk](mailto:info@hanworthvilla.co.uk)

