



# **Shoot Academy**

Togetherhness Excellence Acceptance Respect

## **Parents/Observers Code of Conduct 2020/21**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Welcome to what will serve as a positive and exciting experience for your son. We, the Coaching Staff of Shoot FC have put together an expectations package for you in the hope of helping you to better understand the program with which your child is involved.

Our goal is to produce fine people first and good football players second, as football is an excellent tool for teaching fundamental and important life skills.

Our Club Philosophy is:

**Togetherness, Excellence, Acceptance, Respect (TEAR)**

This handbook is a look into what the Shoot FC and the Board of Trustees deems to be the important facets of our football program. Football should always be a positive and memorable experience for all involved. Coaches goals are to provide players the opportunity to be the best football player they can be.

We intend to teach the game of football and instil discipline. To be successful, everyone involved should realise that a positive attitude is a must. Very few things in life worthwhile come easily. Hard times require a positive outlook and attitude to continue striving to improve.

A player's level of improvement is related to the amount of effort put forth in each activity the team undertakes. We, as Coaches and Volunteers, expect players to give great effort in everything we instruct them to do. While expecting great effort from players, coaches expect great effort from each other as well. It would be unfair for the coaches to expect more of a player than the coach is willing to give himself. For all to understand their role, everyone involved should realise the concept of "Team Before Self".

Coaches will show a genuine interest in the wellbeing and concerns of each player as an individual, however; coaches, players, parents and administrators cannot put their interests before the teams' best interest. Everyone should remember, "Playing football is a privilege, not a right". Everyone is expected to abide by the same standards and serve the same punishment when they do not. In the event that an individual player becomes a hindrance to the teams' goals, that player will be removed. There is a lot to learn in a relatively short amount of time so good attendance helps both the player and the team. We need you to support us in this effort and make sure that your son is available for the scheduled practices, games, and other events such as teambuilding and fundraising. Thank you for allowing your son to be a part of our program.

Together we will have a lot of fun while working hard towards our goals.

Regards,

*Mark*

## Communication to Parents

We as a team will make every effort to keep our parents/ guardians up to date on football related issues. We have five ways of communicating with parents and players. They are email, website, Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp. (Please be sure that your email is updated with the either Mark or Dan) Please refer to the website regularly. Significant information is available including game schedules, meetings, training schedules etc. The web address is: [www.shootacademy.co.uk](http://www.shootacademy.co.uk)

**Social Media:** Facebook: facebook / shootacademy

Instagram: shoot academy

## 1 Player Expectations

We will operate the Shoot FC in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies as outlined by the FA. As Head Coach, I believe that our football program provides a vital link between the school and the community. As a rule, all players are to conduct themselves with class and dignity, both on and off the field. Your behaviour is a direct reflection of our football program. Any actions that will embarrass you, your team, school, or parents is an action that should not be taken.

All players in this team/project will recognise and respect the authority of all coaches, volunteers and support staff or they will not be a part of the team. Any violation will be dealt with accordingly, ranging from timeout, suspension, or dismissal from the team/project. This will be discussed by the Safeguarding Officers and Board of Trustees and any actions will be at their discretion.

Those who work hard and adhere to these policies are showing that being part of this team is important and will be rewarded with success, satisfaction, and wins.

## Training:

All players are expected to be present and on time to training. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before training.

1. Any player who is late to training might not be selected for matches.

2. Any player who misses training without notifying the coach in by telephone, email/Text ahead of time will be dealt with accordingly.

**a. 1st unexcused absence = miss game time at coach's discretion (i.e. miss 1st half of game) b. 2nd unexcused absence = 1 game suspension. c. 3rd Unexcused absence = possible removal from team.**

3. In the case of an unforeseen emergency, parent must contact the Coach.

4. Players are expected to be ready to start training at the given time.

5. Players are to arrive at training ready, with Shin Pads, appropriate football. NO metal studs for 3G surface.

6. Players are to behave whilst waiting to start training. If one of the coaches deem it necessary any player misbehaving will have 'timeout' accordingly. If this continues it may result in missing some game time. (At the coaches discretion)

7. All Players are expected to help pack away and tidy up at the each of each session.

## **Match Days**

- Players are expected to arrive 40 minutes before Kick off for a warm up.
- Players are expected to be ready ON time ready for the warm up
- It is the Parents responsibility to give the coach as much time as possible if the player is unwell or unable to play.
- The starting line up is at the coaches discretion.
- Away fixtures – Please make sure that players arrive on time – It is the parents responsibility to make sure the enough time is allowed for travel.
- At the end of each match please allow 15 minutes to help tidy up and pack away. (If a player needs to leave promptly please inform the coach before the game)

## **Coaching from the side-lines Simply DON'T!**

This season we, as a club, are going to be a little tougher on this as last season we, as coaches, observed this to be a real issue. We encourage parents to be passionate, to cheer, clap and enjoy themselves. Please refrain from:

- ◆ Being negative if a player makes a bad pass.
- ◆ Telling the players to be in a certain position. The coach maybe asking them to play somewhere different so this causes confusion.
- ◆ Shouting – DON'T We will have a respect officer at the games this season to monitor this. As a club we take the FA respect programme seriously and will act accordingly if required.

## **Parent Expectations/Code of Conduct**

- Be positive with your son.
- Let them know you are proud they are part of the team.
- Focus on the benefits of teamwork and personal discipline.
- Encourage your them to follow all training/game rules.
- Help the coaches build a commitment to the team.
- Set a good example. Allow your athlete to perform and progress at a level consistent with his ability.
- Players mature at different ages; some are more gifted than others. Always support the coaching staff when controversial decisions are made.
- The coaches need your backing to keep good morale on the team. Insist on positive behaviour. Stay calm in ALL situations

. • No parent is allowed on the field unless the coach or referee requests it. Cheer for our team and players. Opponents and referees deserve respect. Realise that players will make mistakes. Your support is needed during tough times.

- Promote having fun and being a team player.
- Very few boys make it to the professional level.
- Concentrate on what is best for the team.
- Comparison to others is discouraged.
- Winning is fun, but building positive team values is most important.
- The concept of working together to perform a task will have lasting benefits.
- Winning takes place when all the little things are done correctly.
- Help build a solid support system for coaches Athletes must attend all training and matches when they can.
- Parents must try and get the players to training and matches on time. If not please call the coach.
- \* I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of playing football.
- \* I will help my child learn the right lessons from winning, losing, individual achievement, and mistakes.
- \* I will respect my child's teammates as well as fellow parents and Spectators I will give encouragement and applaud positive accomplishments whether from my child or his teammates.
- \* I will support the efforts of the coaches.
- \* I will not instruct or coach from the side-lines \* I will ensure that my child will attend training and games and will inform the coach in advance if unable to attend.
- \* I will respect all facilities made available to my child.
- \* I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- \* I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour
- Set Up – It is expected that ALL parents try and help where required on match days. The coaches have the responsibility of YOUR children and so therefore it would be appreciated if Parents could – Set up goal nets, Respect barrier, corner flags, refreshments.

## **Social Media –**

Every child's welfare is of upmost importance. We have a website, Instagram, & facebook. Therefore, please do not video training or games. If you want to post on social media, please make sure that NO other players/children are visible in the post.

## **Kit**

The 1<sup>st</sup> kit is supplied and owned by Shoot Academy. Any damage, shrinkage or colour damage must be replaced by the parent. If the player leaves Shoot Academy before the end of season 2020/21 the kit MUST be given back.

## **Covid 19 – Guidelines**

Covid Officer – under 11 – Angie Dunn. All attendees for training AND matches Must be given via the Covid 19 form. Details will be kept for 21 days.

Please report to the officer if you come into contact or have been diagnosed with Covid immediately.

## **Club Contacts**

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