

# GREAT YARMOUTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded 20 JULY 1897)



Smudgers Clubhouse, Wellesley Recreation Ground,  
Sandown Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1EY.

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR FOR CLUB PLAYERS

### **Club Rule 9.3:**

The Football Club fully expects all registered Club Senior, Youth and Junior players, to comply fully with the following Club Standards of Behaviour, (if applicable), without exception and shall be subject to Club disciplinary sanctions for not complying. As a Club member they shall have a responsibility to promote high standards of appropriate conduct and behaviour within the game of association football and if they fail to comply with the standards set forth in this best behaviour protocol, Club disciplinary sanctions shall be taken by the Football Club. The Club players shall also in addition be aware of and give support to the "FA's Respect Code of Conduct for Adult Players / Young Players" as shall be in place from time to time.

### **Respect for the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- abide by the laws of the game, and competition rules and participate within the spirit of the game of association football, and
- resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### **Obligations towards the Football Club:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- attend all games and training sessions as this shall be compulsory, players may be excused in emergency situations or due to work commitments but must inform the appropriate Club Team Official.
- inform the Club Team Official of any absences from a game and/or training session and any absences in which the Club Team Official was not informed and/or the reason for the absence is not satisfactory it shall result in a Club fine.
- treat all Club property including playing kit and coaching and/or other equipment with due care and respect, (i.e., the cutting of playing kit socks shall not be acceptable) players shall be held responsible for any such damage.
- play at the highest level requested by the Football Club, (this is one (1) club not individual teams), and the Club player shall be required to register for all eligible Club teams to ensure appropriate Club player development.
- make every effort to develop and improve their own sporting abilities in terms of skills, technique, tactics and fitness and to give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance.
- in training sessions respect and listen to the Coaching staff and respect each other and do not get involved in any behaviour that disrupts the session or affects others, set a positive example to other Club players.
- be punctual and arrive for games on time and in a condition suitable for playing, any Club players considered to be in less than a fit state (i.e., under the influence of drugs or alcohol) shall not be considered for selection.
- notify the Club Medical personnel in advance of any medical problems (injuries, pain or discomfort), when such problems may limit their ability to participate in games and training sessions.

- be responsible for the prompt reimbursement to the Football Club of any disciplinary fines they receive resulting from a sin bin, yellow card caution or red card sending off offence during a game, and
- acknowledge that the Football Club has clear actions it shall take regarding repeated or serious misconduct at club level but also understand the possibility of more serious sanctions which may be imposed by the County FA or a League.

### **Obligations towards the Club team:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the Club team winning.
- confirm their match availability via a return text message inside of the time frame quoted on the text from the appointed Club Team officials.
- while sitting on the bench during a game, watch the game, support their teammates and give only positive comments to those on the field of play.
- not use foul and abusive language or inappropriate behaviour towards teammates and/or appointed Team officials, and
- win without boasting and lose without excuses.

### **Respect towards Match officials:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- be aware of the Football Clubs “zero-tolerance policy” with regard to abuse or assault made towards a Match official.
- always treat Match officials the same way that they would want to be treated by showing due respect, dignity and good sportsmanship at all times.
- accept the decisions of the Match officials without protest, harassment of Match officials by Club players shall not be tolerated.
- avoid words or actions which may mislead Match officials, and
- show due respect toward Match officials before, during and after a game.

### **Respect towards opponents:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid reckless play and violence, and offer assistance to an injured opponent.
- treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game, and
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

### **Obligations towards Club supporters:**

#### **A Club player shall;**

- show due respect to the interests of all Club supporters.

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