

Goring Robins Football Club

A Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Parents/spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club it is important to reinforce the message to parents/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football,
- A sense of personal achievement,
- Self-esteem,
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players,
- Officials,
- Managers,
- Spectators.

Ensure that parents/spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team,
- Avoid coaching the child during the game,
- Not to shout in a negative manner,
- Respect the referee's decisions,
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented,
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Respect the decisions of the coach and managers and other club officials with regard to team selection, substitution and positioning of players.

Ensure that parents/spectators within your club agree and adhere to your club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.