



AFFILIATED TO THE SURREY COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
MEMBERS OF THE WEST SURREY YOUTH; GUILDFORD, SHERE & DISTRICT;
SURREY COUNTY GIRLS; SURREY & HANTS BORDER
AND THE SURREY PRIMARY LEAGUES

Guildford Saints Football Club 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.

Guildford Saints Football Club will endeavour to maximise the safety, development, confidence and enjoyment of all Club Members. The Club believes that it is important that all parents and supporters set a proper example of behaviour for young players to follow.

It is important that parents and supporters give positive encouragement to all players that will contribute to:

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

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

- Other players
 - Officials
 - Managers
 - Spectators
- Parents and spectators must always be positive and encouraging towards all children not just their own. Guildford Saints Football Club encourage parents/spectators to:
 - Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
 - Avoid coaching the child during the game.
 - Not to shout and scream.
 - Respect the Referee's decision and not question it.
 - Show due respect towards all Match Officials.
 - Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
 - Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
 - Make every effort to learn, know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.

Parents have obligations towards their children, the Club and Team officials in relation to various areas of club activity. As a result Guildford Saints Football require parents to:

- Abide by the decisions of their child's Coach and Team Officials in relation to team selection and match play decisions, provided they do not contravene club policies, rules and codes.
- Abide by any instructions given by Club and Team officials in relation to their behaviour at all club activities, matches and tournaments
- Ensure their child arrives for and is collected from training or matches at the time and venue stated by the coach or team official.
- Ensure that their child is appropriately dressed and protected for any club activity they are taking part in, having regard for both ground and weather conditions.
- Always consider the general wellbeing of their child when taking part in any club activity.

Acceptance of membership to Guildford Saints FC means that you agree with and will adhere to the Club's Codes of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

Any person acting in contravention of the Club Rules, Code of Conduct or Child Protection Policy may be liable to suspension or expulsion from the club.