

Code of Conduct for Elton Youth FC parents

I will:

- Be my child's best fan and support them unconditionally. When I take my child home after a match or training session, I will be supportive and focus on the positive aspects of their game.
- Develop a responsibility in my child to pack their own kit, clean their boots and take a drinks bottle (full of water or squash only) to practice or a game.
- Not criticise my child's coach to my child or other parents. If I am not happy with the coach I will raise the issue with the coach or other EYFC representatives.
- Encourage my child to speak with the coach. If my child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training, I will encourage them to speak directly to the coaches. (This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game).
- Help my child to focus on the performance and not the result. I will remember that winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players in my child's squad. I will not criticise anyone and remember that children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Not criticise the opponents, their parents or their officials.
- Never audibly dispute a referee's decision. They will make mistakes occasionally. We all do. (If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking the rules of the game and risk generating a fine for the club. In extreme circumstances your club could be expelled from the league, forced to play all games away from home or play without any spectators present).
- Not coach from the touchline during matches or training. (Leave this to the manager/coach or you may cause confusion and erode your child's confidence).
- Not enter the field of play.

PLEASE REMEMBER - the game is for the children. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or parents.

Name(s):

Signed:

Date: