



**AFC WHITCHURCH**  
**Adult Club code of conduct**

**On and off the pitch, I will:**

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Avoid criticising match officials Accept that they make honest decisions and confronting them will not change it.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Always win, lose or draw with dignity, and be prepared to shake hands with match officials, opposition players and manager at full-time.'

**I understand:**

'If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:

- Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be asked to apologise to whoever I have offended or abused.
- Be disciplined by my club, including being substituted, dropped, given a formal warning or suspended from training or matches depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be disciplined by the County Football Association, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.
- I may be excluded by the governing bodies from playing football if the offence is **serious enough.**'