

ARE YOU ONSIDE?

AFC Whitchurch supports the Football Association of Wales “Behind the Line, Behind the Team” Campaign, which aims to improve behaviours in junior and youth football in Wales. We all have a responsibility to ensure that everyone involved in football finds it to be a fun, safe and positive experience.

As a parent/spectator, please play your part and get ‘Behind the Team’; show your support for your child and the team by reading and agreeing to the FAW Code of Conduct. By signing the below declaration you are demonstrating your understanding and willingness to abide by the following:

- Support and motivate all players, including the opposition and encourage my child to do the same
- Encourage my child to play by the laws of the game and teach them that they can only do their best
- Never publicly criticise or ridicule my child or another player
- Not to place my child under pressure or push them into unwanted activities

- Not to interfere with the coach’s instructions and not to confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Show appreciation and support for the coach and match officials
- Respect and not question decisions made by the match officials
- Avoid pressurising players about winning or losing – applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Behave responsibly and never engage in or tolerate the use of foul, abusive, insulting or inappropriate words, behaviour or gestures
- Get Behind the Line and remain within the Designated Supporter Zone (where provided)
- Not to make inappropriate comments about another player, coach, official, spectator or volunteer on any websites or social networking sites which may bring the game into disrepute.

Any breaches or concerns will be dealt with by action being taken against you by either the club, Area Association or the Football Association of Wales, including:

- Verbal warning
- Asked to leave the side-line
- Summoned to a meeting with a Club, League or Area Safeguarding Officer or Club Committee
- Requested to not attend future games
- Required to leave the club, regrettably along with any other dependents
- Subjected to a fine and/or suspension on the club imposed by the FAW.

Name: _____ Parent / Guardian of: _____

Name of Club: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign this form and return to your Club Safeguarding Officer. Please also retain a copy.

REMEMBER, CHILDREN PLAY FOR FUN AND WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING. CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL IS ABOUT GROWING YOUR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE, PROVIDING HIM/HER WITH FRUITFUL EXPERIENCES AND DEVELOPING THEIR TECHNICAL, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS. COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN THIS, GIVING UP THEIR FREE TIME TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT THE CLUB.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.