



# Player Code of Conduct 2025/26 Season

Welwyn Garden City Youth FC believes that Youth Football should be a sport where our players have fun, learn skills but also have respect for all others in the game and fair play is an important part of this.

All our coaches aim to create a learning environment where you can play and learn. To help that happen, we also ask that all our players agree to our expected behaviours in this code of conduct.

## **At all times we expect our players to:**

1. Follow our club values of Pride, Respect and Teamwork whenever representing the club.
2. Show a good attitude at training and at matches and demonstrate fair play at all times.
3. Arrive at training and matches on time. If an adult takes you to football, this means getting ready to be taken to football on time.
4. Wear correct footwear and appropriate kit including shin pads, for training and matches. Players without shin pads will not be allowed to train or play.
5. Remove any jewellery before training or matches, for safety reasons.
6. Only wear their WGCYFC match kit for matches.
7. Take pride in your kit and boots and keep everything clean and tidy for training and matches.
8. Never use offensive or abusive language to any other player, official or support whenever representing the club.
9. Respect the wishes of your coach(es).
10. Inform coach(es) if you have an injury.
11. Accept the decision of the match official without protest.
12. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
13. Show support for other team members.
14. Remember that the opposition team, visiting team officials, supporters and match officials are guests of our club and treat them with courtesy.

**By ticking the box on the online membership form, you are agreeing to abide by the above expectations.**

The Club will sanction players who ignore this Code of Conduct:

- First offence the player will be verbally warned.
- Second offence the player will be suspended for a period decided by Club Disciplinary Committee.
- Third offence the player will be expelled from the Club.

The Disciplinary Committee retains the right to move directly to second or third stage if the incident is so serious this action is necessary. Anyone sanctioned under this code has the right to appeal to the General Committee with the appeal being heard by other members of the Committee.

This Code of Conduct is not designed to restrict anyone's freedom but to set the standards of behaviour that are expected to ensure that everyone enjoys their football at WGCYFC.



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