



## **GILLINGHAM TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB EQUALITY POLICY**

Gillingham Town Youth Football Club (GTYFC) is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the club at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it.

GTYFC, in all its activities, will not discriminate or in any way treat anyone less favourably on grounds of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. The club will ensure it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in and enjoy its activities.

GTYFC will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal. The club will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs. This policy is fully supported by the Club Officers who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

GTYFC is committed to taking positive action where inequalities exist and to the development of a programme of ongoing training and awareness-raising activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination and promote equality in football.

GTYFC is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

GTYFC commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims when brought to its attention, of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop, and sanctions are imposed as appropriate. Our Commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the FA Respect Codes of Conduct and the GTYFC Anti-bullying Policy.