

Goalden Football Academy

Coach Code of Conduct 2026



WHEN REPRESENTING GOALDEN FOOTBALL ACADEMY, I WILL:

- **Show respect** to others involved in the game, including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators.
- **Be inclusive** of all individuals at the academy, regardless of gender, race, religion or ability.
- **Be a positive example** for the young people I am responsible for.
- Adhere to the **game's laws** and spirit.
- **Promote fair play** and drive high standards of behaviour.
- **Respect and support** all match officials regardless of decisions.
- **Never** enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- **Never** engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Be **humble** in victory and **gracious** in defeat.
- **Be approachable** to players, officials, parents, supporters and any other stakeholders.

WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:

- Place the **well-being, safety** and **enjoyment** of each player above everything, including winning.
- Remember that they are **young people first** and players second.
- Understand my **responsibility** and the impact I can have in young people's lives.
- **Never** engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Create an environment of learning, **accepting that mistakes** are all part of this.
- Put the **individual players needs** above that of the team.
- Ensure practices are **appropriate** for the players' ability, age and maturity.
- Place the **learning** above the outcome.
- Give fair and equitable game time to **all players**.
- **Have a desire** to develop myself; taking on feedback and adapting my approach where necessary.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT, THE ACADEMY, COUNTY FA OR THE FA, MAY TAKE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

I MAY BE:

- Required to meet with the academy or County Welfare Officer.
- Suspended by the academy from attending sessions.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be dismissed by the academy.

In addition, my FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn.

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