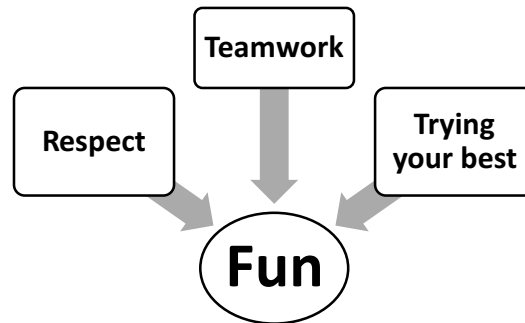


Stoneyford FC Code of Conduct (*Parent/Player copy*)

The Stoneyford FC Code of Conduct is aligned with the FAI Development Plan (2015). It is a **player-focused model** and is based on **enjoyment, skill development and competing** rather than simply 'winning at all costs'. The club believe that when players, parents and coaches focus on **respect, teamwork and trying your best** that this leads to a fun, enjoyable environment for all involved with the club. The points below are key to this and are taken from the Stoneyford FC Child Protection Document and the FAI Development Plan.



ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND PARENTS SHOULD:

1. **Appreciate and respect** all team members and opponents regardless of ability or cultural background.
2. **Praise and reward effort and fair play**
3. **Support and assist the team/coach** (e.g. respect their decisions as a **volunteer** coach, help to gather up equipment etc.). Parents should not complain to coaches during matches regarding playing time/substitution issues etc. If a **parent does, on calm reflection, decide they wish to raise an issue with a coach** regarding any of the above then we ask that they please do so in a **calm, good-natured, private manner** while remembering that the **coach is a volunteer** and has responsibility for a large group of children.
4. Promote the **development of skills and teamwork** rather than 'winning at all costs'
5. **Act as a good role model**
6. **Never criticise or shout at a child for their standard of play or making a mistake** – players try their best and don't tend to make mistakes on purpose ('Be positive or be quiet')
7. **Never use physical or verbal aggression towards another person**
8. **Respect referees and their decisions** - without them there would be no match
9. **Respect club equipment and facilities**, e.g. removing rubbish etc.
10. **Speak to the relevant coach and/or schoolboy's secretary/Child Protection officer if there is an issue with a child's participation in the club.**

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Schoolboy's secretary: John Raggett (086 2474867)
Child Welfare officer: Evan Butler (086 8219016)
Registration officer: Mike Hanlon (087 7778755)

We recommend discussing the above with your child and having them sign up to the code of conduct.