



## Respect Best Practice Guide

Thank you to all the clubs , managers , parents , spectators and referees that have emailed sharing your good practice around respect . It's great to hear so many clubs creating the right atmosphere for the children , other teams and managers and spectators . In this guide there is some great tips that clubs could use or take and adapt into their own match days .

### Managers

- Creating a welcoming setting – This can begin with the text you send to your opponents ....

On behalf of xxx football club , I would like to welcome the players , officials and supporters of xxx Football Club . As a member of the Sheffield & District Sunday League we support the respect campaign .  
You are urged to encourage good and fair play from both teams .  
We respectfully request you do not criticise any player nor any of the match officials who will strive to officiate in a fair and just manner . Please accept that in the spirit of the game , mistakes will be made . Enjoy the match .

- Creating a welcoming setting – respect posters on show and respect laminated posters with various respect messages displayed .
- Respect Barriers in place separating the spectators from the touch line
- Technical areas for both teams
- If a team has a player or couple of players short then making the teams equal making a fair match
- Captain from team takes the team sheet to opposing manager and referee giving him the opportunity to introduce himself to the referee
- Respect handshake before and after each match

- Treating players irrespective of whether they are the home or away as one group of children just wanting to play football
- Every player despite what team encouraged on the pitch , If opposition score they are congratulated
- Three cheers to each team at the end of the match
- Praise the other team if they have played well , showed respect , saved a great goal etc

## **Clubs**

- Parents evening / meeting at beginning of season highlighting respect campaign , codes of conducts handed out . Management team leading by examples setting out the standard for match days and expected behaviours at match days
- Rewarding good sportsmanship /acts of respect by awarding a respect trophy after training or matches in addition to usual player of match
- CPD for coaches mandatory
- CRC checks , providing correct courses , safe recruitment
- Educate parents to have realistic expectations
- No parents coaching to enforce this by Codes of conducts
- Match day policy
- Clubs offer discount £10? On membership for parents who undertake the FA's online 'Respect Parents ' module prior to registration
- Codes of conducts printed on the back of club membership forms making one form to hand out and ensures everyone has signed the form signing up to the Respect campaign
- Designated spectator areas – so parents can't pace the sideline
- Respect team marshals

## **Players**

- Respect team mates , managers , coaches and officials
- Always play fairly
- Play by the rules
- Respect hand shake
- Some teams give the opposition three cheers after the match win or lose
- If an opposition player goes down injured , offer your hand , shake hands , help them up
- Sign your code of conduct , make sure you have read what is expected
- Praise other teams performance if a player has stood out , give them a mention on the respect handshake after the game .