

NORTH EAST FOOTBALL

Summer Sevens Code of Conduct

North East Football is committed to providing a safe, fair and enjoyable Summer Sevens competition for

everyone. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected of players, coaches, parents, spectators and match officials to ensure Summer Sevens remains welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for all participants.

Match Officials' Code of Conduct

- Encourage and recognise every participant's effort.
- Make decisions fairly, calmly and consistently.
- Speak up against poor sporting behaviour and encourage respect for opponents.
- Focus on the spirit of the game, not on mistakes.
- Set the standard through your own actions, not just your words.
- Remember your behaviour and comments set the tone. Keep them positive and supportive.
- Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all participants throughout the competition.

Players' Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Respect the decisions of referees and match officials. If there is a concern, allow your captain, coach or manager to address it respectfully.
- Play hard, play fair and always compete with honesty and integrity.
- Encourage and support your teammates, and respect your opponents at all times.
- Celebrate good play and good sportsmanship, no matter which team it comes from.
- Never bully, intimidate, abuse or deliberately provoke another player, official or spectator.
- Give your best effort every time you take the field.
- Work positively with your coaches, teammates and officials to help create a safe, respectful and

enjoyable environment for everyone.

- Play for the enjoyment of the game and help others enjoy it too.
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background,

religion or personal circumstances.

Coaches' Code of Conduct

- Put the enjoyment, development and wellbeing of every player first. Winning is only one part of the

game.

- Create a positive, supportive environment where players can learn from mistakes without fear of

criticism or ridicule.

- Be realistic about the time and commitment you ask of players and their families.
- Coach within the rules and the spirit of the game, and lead by example in all interactions.
- Provide every player with the opportunity to participate, develop and contribute, regardless of their

ability.

- Plan training sessions that are safe, enjoyable, inclusive and appropriate for the age and ability of

your players.

- Ensure equipment, facilities and playing environments are safe and suitable.
- Treat players, opponents, referees, administrators, parents, spectators and volunteers with respect,

and expect the same from your team.

- Take the health and wellbeing of players seriously. Never pressure an injured or unwell player to

participate, and follow appropriate medical advice before they return to play.

Parents' Code of Conduct

- Remember your child plays for enjoyment, learning and development. Winning is only one part of the game.
- Encourage participation and effort. Never pressure your child to play or to perform.
- Celebrate effort, improvement and teamwork ahead of results.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, respect others and resolve disagreements respectfully.
- Support all players, coaches, referees and volunteers with positive behaviour on and off the field.
- Respect the decisions of referees and match officials, and encourage your child to do the same.

- Lead by example by recognising good play, good sportsmanship and fair play from every team.
- Never ridicule, criticise or abuse any player, official, volunteer or other participant.
- Value the volunteers, coaches and officials who make Summer Sevens possible.
- Treat every player with dignity and respect, regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural

background or religion.

Spectators' Code of Conduct

- Remember players participate for their enjoyment, learning and development.
- Applaud good effort, skill and sportsmanship from both teams, regardless of the result.
- Respect the decisions of referees and match officials, and encourage players to do the same.
- Offer encouragement rather than criticism. Mistakes are part of learning and developing.
- Do not engage in or tolerate abuse, harassment, discrimination, intimidation or violence.
- Respect opponents and recognise that without them, there is no game.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and compete in the spirit of fair play.
- Use respectful language at all times. Foul language, sledging, intimidation or harassment of players,

coaches, officials or other spectators will not be tolerated.

- Any interaction with a child or young person must always be appropriate, respectful and necessary.
- Treat every person with dignity and respect, regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural

background or religion.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

All participants are expected to uphold the values of respect, fair play and good sportsmanship throughout the Summer Sevens competition.

North East Football reserves the right to investigate any breach of this Code of Conduct and may take appropriate action where necessary. This may include a verbal or written warning, removal from the venue, suspension from matches or the competition, or any other disciplinary action considered appropriate to protect the safety, wellbeing and enjoyment of all participants.