



## Leighton United Football Club

### COACH/TEAM MANAGER & ASSISTANT COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

**Based on the Football Association Respect Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials.**

**On and off the football field, I will:**

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Be aware that any new team management practices must be approved in advance by the Head Coach
- Be responsible for implementing FA and club safeguarding requirements – including ensuring that all incidents of child abuse or suspicions of child abuse are reported immediately to a club welfare officer in accordance with the child protection and safeguarding procedures
- Not attend training or matches under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that team social media groups are only used for team organisational matters and logistics, that forums do not become a media for commentary, opinions or humour (regardless of good intentions) and groups comply with the club's social media policy and guidelines
- Complete a Serious Incident/Accident Report when the emergency services are called to club football related injuries
- Respect the facilities home and away, the club's reputation, any opposition and fellow coaches or club volunteers

- Never act in a manner that risks bringing the Club into disrepute

**When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety, enjoyment of each player and maximizing everyone's active involvement above everything, including winning at the heart of the game and training decision making and planning
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Never coach alone with children – always ensure a second responsible adult with current FA DBs status is present
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Ensure players have equal game time and involvement in both games, training, and other football activity environments
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

**I understand that if I do not follow this Code I may be:**

- Required to meet with the club or league welfare officer or the County FA designated safeguarding officer
- Subject disciplinary proceedings being taken by the Club
- Suspended by the club from attending matches and training
- Be suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my licence withdrawn

***Credentials:***

***Coaches/Team Managers:*** I will ensure my FA DBS check status, FA safeguarding and FA first aid credentials are kept up to date

***Assistant Coaches:*** I will ensure I have current FA DBS/CRC check status

**Acceptance confirmed via email**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Position – Coach or Assistant Coach:**