



## NEXT LEVEL FOOTBALL CLUB

### PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Effective Date: June 2025

Approved By: Aaron Minott (Director)

#### 1. Introduction

Next Level FC is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and families.

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations for the behaviour of parents and spectators, in line with The FA Respect Programme and the Club's own values of Respect, Unity, Discipline, and Development.

When supporting your child or team, you are representing Next Level FC. The Club reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any parent or spectator whose behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct.

#### 2. Core Principles

All parents, carers, and spectators must:

- Recognise that children participate in football for fun, development, and teamwork.
- Applaud effort and good play — not only success.
- Respect the decisions of match officials at all times.
- Remain outside the field of play and within designated spectator areas.
- Allow coaches to coach — avoid giving players instructions from the sidelines.
- Encourage all players to show respect to opponents, officials, and coaches.
- Never ridicule or criticise players for making mistakes.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, abusive, discriminatory, or aggressive behaviour.
- Refrain from entering the pitch unless instructed to do so by a match official.
- Understand that your conduct influences the atmosphere of the game and directly affects the players' experience.

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### **3. The FA Respect Code of Conduct**

Next Level FC fully adopts The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for Spectators and Parents/Carers.

By registering a player with the Club, all parents and carers agree to uphold this Code throughout their involvement with Next Level FC.

### **4. Breach of the Code of Conduct**

The Club takes breaches of this policy extremely seriously. Any reports of inappropriate behaviour by a parent or spectator will be reviewed by a minimum of 3 members of the Parent Conduct Committee, comprised of:

**Chair:** Stuart Wilson

**Secretary:** Gemma Knight

**Parent Representatives:** Toni, Leigh, Rob

### **5. Disciplinary Process**

Depending on the nature and frequency of the incident, the following disciplinary measures may be applied individually or in combination:

1. Verbal Warning – Issued by a Club or League Official.
2. Written Warning – Formal notice outlining the breach.
3. Meeting – Required with the Committee or Club Official.
4. FA Education Course – Mandatory completion before return.
5. Temporary Suspension – Ban from attending training or fixtures.
6. Membership Review – Suspension or removal from the Club.
7. Referral – To the League or County FA for formal action.

All parents and spectators are reminded that:

- You are subject to the Laws of the Game.
- Referees may caution or dismiss individuals.
- Misconduct will be reported to the League or FA.
- The Club may impose further internal action if conduct brings Next Level FC into disrepute.

### **7. Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually or as required by The FA or League Regulations.

All updates will be communicated to members and displayed on the Club's official channels.

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## **8. Acknowledgement**

By registering your child with Next Level FC, you agree to comply with this Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct and accept that any breaches may result in disciplinary action as outlined above.

### **Approved by:**

Next Level FC Committee

**Chair:** Stuart Wilson

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**Date:** October 2025

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