

Spectators Code of Conduct

Beverley WhiteStar Football Club and its members are committed to high standards of safety, behaviour and respect at all times. We thank you for your support of these standards.

1. You agree that the player's involvement in playing football is primarily for his/her own personal enjoyment.
2. You must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person involved and treat each equally within the context of the sport. Praise positive aspects of play and avoid becoming frustrated and ridiculing any player from either team by focusing on their failings.
3. You must place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
4. You must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and Rules of Beverley WhiteStar F.C. and The Football Association.
5. You must ensure that the activities that you advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.
6. You must encourage the players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. You should clarify with the Club exactly what is expected of you and what you can expect from the coaches, players and parents. The full set of Codes of Conduct of Beverley WhiteStar F.C. outline these expectations.
8. You agree to promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of The Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations, or use of prohibited substances or techniques.
9. You must consistently display high standards of behaviour (e.g. no swearing or intimidating language or aggressive body language at anytime to any person involved (e.g. players, managers/coaches, officials, parents, spectators)). You agree to be a role model to the players and other spectators.
10. You must emphasise the importance of striving to win, not winning itself. Praise should be given for effort and performance rather than results.
11. **Please let the coaches coach!** Mixed instructions from the touchline often causes confusion, reduced performance and can lead to distress in the players.
12. **Please support and encourage the Referee!** The Referee plays a critical role in the smooth running of the game. Remember that the Referee is doing this on a voluntarily and for the benefit of the players, the team and you. This is in addition to the behaviour agreed in Item 11.
13. **Support all players on the team!** Football is a team game. By encouraging teamwork, the individual players and the team will learn from each other to increase their enjoyment and performance .

Enjoy the Game !