Newcastle West End FC
Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators
Season 2026/27

Newcastle West End recognise that parents, families, and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The club is supporting the FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical, and social skills. Winning is not everything. Play your part and always observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers.

All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. However good a child becomes at football it is important that parents and spectators give positive encouragement to all which will contribute to:

- **Children enjoying football.**
- **A sense of personal achievement.**
- **Self-esteem.**
- **Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques.**

Parents & spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- **Other players.**
- **Officials, Managers and Coaches**
- **Other spectators**

Newcastle West End FC will ensure that parents and spectators are always positive and encouraging towards all the children not just their own.

Parents and spectators will be expected to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as our own team for effort and good play as well as success.
- Remember children play for fun.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game. The club coach is the only coach.

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- Remain outside the playing area and within the designated spectator Area where provided,
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials!
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Respect the club official's decisions.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any or all the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league, or the FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from the club or league official:
- Required to meet with the club, league, or CFA Welfare Officer:
- Required to meet with the club management committee:
- Obliged to undertake an FA education course:
- Obliged to leave the match venue on request of the club:
- Requested by the club not to attend future games:
- Suspended or have my club membership removed and must leave the club along with dependants:

Should any parent be subject to disciplinary action by the FA or County FA resulting in a fine and/or suspension on the club because of their actions they will be liable to reimburse the club.

When providing consent for my child to play for Newcastle West End FC I am agreeing to adhere to the above Code of Conduct and to act in accordance with the expectations and rules of Newcastle West End FC.

All kit & equipment provided by or on behalf of Newcastle West End FC including tracksuits, kits, etc remain the property of the club and I hereby agree to look after and be responsible for the safe return of all items at the end of the season or upon request if I or my child cease to be a member of the club, If for any reason should I not be in a position to return any item then I agree to cover any subsequent financial costs.

I understand failure to do so may result in me having to attend a meeting with the club management and potential further consequences including that from the County FA or the FA.

Players Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Signed: _____

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Date: _____

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