



## TANKERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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Registered Charity no. 1154570

### Tankerton Football Club (TFC) - Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – **Fair Play** and **respect** for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

#### 1. Obligations towards the game

As a player you should:

- Make every effort to develop your sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if your team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.
- Bring the right kit to train and wear appropriate kit for the weather.
- Not to smoke or consume alcohol on our premises or during practices, competitions or when representing us.

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- When you're with us, stay in the places where you're supposed to, don't wander off or leave without telling a member of staff.
- Take care of our equipment and premises as if they were your own.
- Respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation or ability.
- Treat other young people with respect and appreciate that everyone has different levels of skill and talent.
- Report any incidents of bullying, including homophobia and transphobia to a member of staff, even if you are just a witness.
- Follow our online safety and internet use policies.
- Make our club or activity a welcoming and friendly place to be.

### 2. Obligations towards your team

As a player for Tankerton FC you should:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your team win.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question your commitment to the team winning.
- Support and encourage your teammates. Tell them when they have done well and be there for them when they're struggling.

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### 3. Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

As a player for TFC you should:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game and the competition rules.
- Be a good sport. Celebrate when we win and be gracious when we lose.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### 4. Respect towards Opponents

As a player for TFC you should:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence, rough play and help injured opponents.

### 5. Respect towards the Match Officials

As a player for TFC you should:

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

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### 6. Respect towards Team Officials

As a player for TFC you should:

- Abide by the instructions of your Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Keep yourself safe by listening to your coach or trainer, behaving responsibly and speak out when something isn't right.
- Make it to training sessions and matches on time and if you're running late, let a member of staff know.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

### 7. Obligations towards the Supporters

As a player for TFC you should:

- Show respect to the interests of supporters.

### 8. Equality, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Statement

TFC, in all policies and procedures, will promote equality of opportunity for all players and volunteers from all social, cultural and economic backgrounds and ensure freedom from discrimination on the basis of membership of any group, including gender, sexual orientation, family circumstances, ethnic or national origin, disability, religious or political beliefs.

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TFC aims:

- To provide equal opportunities for all
- To foster good relations and create effective partnerships with the local community.
- To provide an environment free from fear and discrimination, where diversity respect and dignity are valued.

All aspects of safeguarding will be embedded into the life of the club and are to be adhered to and be the responsibility of all.

### 9. Policy Version Control. Summary of Changes:

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### Abiding by the Code of Conduct

As a player for TFC you accept that your Coach and/or officials of the Club will, where necessary, deal with any infringement of the Code of Conduct. The Club agrees to act fairly and impose, where it sees fit, the appropriate penalty. Where the infringement is considered sufficiently serious you understand that this may include being expelled from the Club.

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Should you disagree with the Club's decision in any such matters you understand you have a Right of Appeal in accordance with the rules of the Club.

### Declaration

As a player for TFC I confirm this Code of Conduct has been explained to me, that I understand what it means and that I agree to adhere to it to the best of my ability.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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