



Hawth Celtic AFC

Code of Ethics

Code of Conduct for Players

Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coach.

Play by the laws of the game.

Never argue with the referee's decision.

Play with control. Do not lose your temper.

Play for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.

Be a "good sport". Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opponent.

Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.

Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can receive attention.

Do not "bully" or take advantage of any player. Do not accept "bullying" in your club.

Co-operate with referees, coaches, teammates and opponents.

Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun and improve skills.

At the final whistle applaud and thank your opponents and the referee for the match.

Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents.

Tackle hard but fairly; do not intend to hurt your opponents.

Win with humility – lose with dignity. Nobody likes a sore loser.

Do not attempt to cheat by diving or feigning injury in an attempt to con the referee.

It is most important that you don't keep secrets. Tell you Club Children's officer, your parents, or anyone you trust if someone is causing you harm or distress.

You have a right to be safe.



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Code for Spectators

Remember that although children play organised soccer they are not miniature professionals. Don't place excessive pressure on children to perform to unrealistically high expectations. Children play soccer to develop their skills, to have fun and enjoy the game.

Be on your best behaviour and lead by example. The behaviour of teams's supporters will often be remembered long after the result of the game. Be remembered for the right reasons.

Applaud good play, sportsmanship and best effort by the visiting team as well as your own.

Welcome and respect all your teams' opponents. Without them there would be no match.

Condemn the use of violence in all forms and at every opportunity.

Verbal abuse of players, match officials or opposing supporters cannot be accepted in any shape or form. Players or match officials should never be regarded as fair targets for ignorant or abusive behaviour.

Encourage young players to play within the rules of the game in the spirit of Fair Play.



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Code for Parents

Remember, young people are involved in soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.

Encourage your child always to play by the laws of the game.

Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.

Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.

Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.

Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.

Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.

Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of soccer. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time and through your encouragement.

There are other aspects of soccer other than playing which are equally fulfilling.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer.

As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches, or players.

Do not publicly question the referees judgement and never their honesty.

Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.

Encourage in your child an appreciation of mutual respect for team-mates and opponents.