

East Coast Warriors



Club Handbook

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East Coast Warriors Football Club was founded in 2001 by a small group of parents that wanted a fun and safe environment for their children to learn to play football. There were 6 children at the start. The club now has more than a 100 children playing and learning, but the ethos of the club has not changed over the 10 years it has been going. It is still a fun and safe environment for children to learn to play football.

The club starts with Micro Warriors (age 5-6) and goes all the way up to under 16s. East Coast Warriors likes to give all young players a chance to develop their skills and get as much out of the club as possible. That's why one of the club rules is that all players in mini soccer get a minimum of one half of football during matches.

Young players develop skills at different levels and at different times, both physically and mentally. Most importantly, young children come to play a game of football with their friends; they learn social skills and enjoy themselves. It is therefore important that parents and coaches do not take the fun out of the experience by pushing them from an early age. Lots of young players give up football because of pressure from parents and coaches and that is a real shame. We must let the game be the teacher. Football, like many other walks of life, is a skill where you learn from your mistakes, and where positive encouragement helps build self-esteem and promotes learning. Cheering from the sidelines is always welcomed at East Coast Warriors. Let's all work together to make a fun and enjoyable place for our children to play!

The club has representatives in each age group, and also a Child Welfare Officer. If you have any problems at all, these people are available to help you and your child resolve them. This ensures that any form of bullying or child protection issues are appropriately acted upon.

We hope your children have a great time with us. Football is a game, let's keep it that way and make it fun!

East Coast Warriors **Players Code of Conduct**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in football. As a player at ECW, you have a big part to play. That is why you are expected to follow the Players Code of Conduct.

When at training, or representing the club, I will:

- 1) Always play to the best of my ability
- 2) Play fairly- I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- 3) Never engage in or tolerate any form of racism or bullying
- 4) Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- 5) Play by the rules as directed by the referee
- 6) Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- 7) Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- 8) Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at the club

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the club

I may:

- 1) Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- 2) Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- 3) Be dropped or substituted
- 4) Be suspended from training
- 5) Be required to leave the club for repeat infringements of the code of conduct.

In Addition:

The club may make your parent or carer aware of any infringements of the code of conduct.

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Spectators and parents/carers Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour within football. ECW is supporting the FA's Respect programme to insure 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 isn't everything! Please play your part and observe the ECW spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- 1) Remember that children play for fun
- 2) Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- 3) Always respect the match officials decisions
- 4) Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators Area (where provided)
- 5) Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- 6) Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- 7) Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake- mistakes are part of learning
- 8) Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club.

I may be:

- 1) Issued with a verbal warning from a coach
- 2) Required to meet with ECW's Welfare Officer
- 3) Required to meet with the club committee
- 4) Asked to leave the match venue by the club
- 5) Requested by the club not to attend future games
- 6) Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition

The League or the FA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.

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Coaches and Club Officials Code of Conduct

In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of the over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

On and off the field, I will

- 1) Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- 2) Adhere to the laws and the spirit of the game
- 3) Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- 4) Always respect the match official's decision
- 5) Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- 6) Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- 7) Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will

- 1) Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- 2) Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- 3) Ensure all parents/ carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- 4) Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying or racism
- 5) Develop mutual trust and the respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- 6) Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- 7) Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the player's ability level, age and maturity
- 8) Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. Officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club

- 1) Required to meet with the club Welfare Officer
- 2) Required to meet with the club committee
- 3) Monitored by another club coach
- 4) Required to leave or be sacked by the club