

# THEIR GAME

#LETTHEMPLAY



SATURDAY 2ND MARCH &  
SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019



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CREATED BY THE YOUTH AND  
MINI-SOCCER COMMITTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
LOCAL GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL





# WHAT IS THEIR GAME?

THE WEEKEND WILL INVOLVE COACHES AND SPECTATORS HAVING MINIMAL VERBAL CONTACT THROUGHOUT GAMES, TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO CREATE A POSITIVE AND PRESSURE-FREE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH CHILDREN CAN ENJOY FOOTBALL AND LEARN TO LOVE AND DEVELOP IN THE GAME. WE HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THE PROGRAMME BY ENCOURAGING CLUBS TO TAKE PART AND SPREAD AWARENESS OF THIS FANTASTIC INITIATIVE. EVERY YEAR WE LOOK TO ALTER THE INITIATIVE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS BASED ON THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THE DOS & DON'TS FOR ALL PARTIES.

IN THIS RESOURCE YOU CAN FIND FAQs ON THE INITIATIVE, IDEAS FOR HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORTING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS, COACHES AND REFEREES. IF YOUR LEAGUE WISHES TO SUPPORT 'THEIR GAME', PLEASE EMAIL [CHARLOTTE.BROWN@HAMPSHIREFA.COM](mailto:CHARLOTTE.BROWN@HAMPSHIREFA.COM)



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# HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH **THEIR GAME?**

ENSURE YOU SHARE THE CODES OF CONDUCT WITH ALL YOUR MEMBERS, CLUBS, COACHES , REFEREES AND CONTACTS

SHARE THE DATE WITH EVERYONE!  
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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PRESS, PLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT

SHARE YOUR SUPPORT ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING THE HASH TAG  
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# RECOMMENDATIONS

## FOR LEAGUES

- ENSURE ALL CLUBS ARE AWARE OF THE 'THEIR GAME' WEEKEND & WHEN IT IS TAKING PLACE
- ENSURE ALL REFEREES ARE AWARE OF THEIR GAME & WHEN IT IS TAKING PLACE
- ALLOW TEAMS FROM U7-10 TO PLAY QUARTERS, ALLOWING COACHES MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO COACH THEIR PLAYERS WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH GAME PLAY
- HAVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ATTEND MATCHES TO ENSURE THE INITIATIVE IS BEING DELIVERED EFFECTIVELY

## FOR CLUBS (U7-10)

- HOST A MANAGER'S MEETING TO ENSURE ALL MANAGERS ARE AWARE OF THEIR DUTIES
- ALLOW TEAMS FROM U7-10 TO PLAY QUARTERS, ALLOWING COACHES MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO COACH THEIR PLAYERS WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH GAME PLAY
- WORK WITH YOUR CLUB RESPECT STEWARD TO ENSURE THEIR GAME IS ADMINISTERED APPROPRIATELY
- ENSURE ALL RESPECT STEWARDS ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTING PROCESS (SEE P. 13)
- ENSURE ALL MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTING PROCESS (SEE P. 13)

## FOR CLUBS (U11-18)

- HOST A MANAGER'S MEETING TO ENSURE ALL MANAGERS ARE AWARE OF THEIR DUTIES
- ENSURE ALL PARENTS/SPECTATORS ARE AWARE OF THEIR GAME DOS AND DON'TS
- ENSURE ALL MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTING PROCESS (SEE P. 10)



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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

## DOS

- APPLAUD GOOD PLAY & CELEBRATE WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED
- ALLOW YOUR PLAYERS TO LEARN FROM MISTAKES AND MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS
- SET MATCH & PLAYER OBJECTIVES BEFORE KICK OFF, AT HALF TIME OR DURING AN INTERVAL
- LISTEN TO YOUR PLAYERS' FEEDBACK DURING THE INTERVALS
- SET OUT THE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS WITH YOUR TEAMS' PARENTS
- WORK WITH YOUR CLUB RESPECT STEWARD TO ENSURE THEIR GAME IS ADMINISTERED APPROPRIATELY
- REFER TO YOUR CLUB RESPECT STEWARD IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE
- UTILISE THE CAPTAIN OR SUBSTITUTES TO COMMUNICATE TO PLAYERS WHERE THERE ARE SUITABLE BREAKS IN PLAY
- RESPECT THE REFEREE'S DECISION
- **UNDER 7'S ONLY:** RESTRICT YOURSELF TO ENCOURAGEMENT COACHING

## DONT'S

- COACH YOUR PLAYERS DURING PLAY
- COMMENT OR SPEAK TO THE REFEREE DURING THE MATCH
- GLOAT OR ANTAGONISE THE OPPOSITION
- PUT DOWN PLAYERS AT ALL
- ADDRESS THE OPPOSITION IF THEY ARE NOT ADHERING TO THE THEIR GAME CODE OF CONDUCT (USE THE RESPECT STEWARD)



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# 10 TIPS FOR COACHING CHILDREN

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## TIPS



● **SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN. GIVE THEM POSITIVE FEEDBACK**

● **HELP PLAYERS TO LEARN FROM FAILURE**

● **MAKE THE EXPERIENCE MEMORABLE FOR YOUR PLAYERS. MAKE IT FUN**



● **TEACH CHILDREN LIFE LESSONS THEY CAN LEARN FROM SPORT**



● **RESPECT REFEREES, PLAYERS, OPPONENTS AND PARENTS**



● **KEEP LEARNING AND EXPANDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF COACHING**



● **BE ORGANISED. PLAN SESSIONS AND BE PREPARED FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES**



● **GET TO KNOW THE PLAYERS IN YOUR TEAM. UNDERSTAND HOW THEY REACT TO WHAT YOU SAY AND DO**

● **BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PLAYERS**



● **BE AWARE OF YOUR BODY LANGUAGE AND HOW YOU TALK TO CHILDREN**



# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

## DOS

- APPLAUD GOOD PLAY & CELEBRATE WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED
- TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES ON THE TOUCHLINE
- RESPECT THE REFEREE'S DECISION
- CHEER FOR BOTH TEAMS AT THE FINAL WHISTLE
- BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR CHILD
- LET THE PLAYERS PLAY, IT IS ONLY ONE FIXTURE
- REPORT ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE TO THE CLUB RESPECT STEWARD
- FILL OUT THE SURVEY AFTERWARDS, YOUR OPINION HELPS US TO CHANGE THE NEXT ONE FOR THE BETTER!
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH WHO YOUR CLUB RESPECT STEWARD IS

## DONT'S

- COMMENT OR SPEAK TO THE REFEREE DURING THE MATCH
- GLOAT OR ANTAGONISE THE OPPOSITION
- TRY AND COACH, YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A BRILLIANT VOLUNTEER FOR THAT
- ADDRESS THE OPPOSITION IF THEY ARE NOT ADHERING TO THE THEIR GAME CODE OF CONDUCT (USE THE RESPECT STEWARD)



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# 10 TIPS FOR SPORT PARENTS

## TOP 10 TIPS

#1

**FOCUS ON THE PROCESS NOT THE RESULT**



#2

**AVOID PRESSURING A CHILD ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING**



#3

**HELP YOUR CHILD TO SEPARATE SPORT FAILURE FROM PERSONAL FAILURE**



#4

**GIVE YOUR CHILD FREEDOM TO PROBLEM SOLVE AND MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS**

#8

**WATCH WHAT YOU SAY TO YOUR CHILD**



#5

**ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE**



#9

**RESPECT AND DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE COACH**

#6

**ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF**



#10

**DO NOT CONSTANTLY INSTRUCT DURING TRAINING AND GAMES**

#7

**ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DECISIONS**



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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR REFEREES

## DOS

- ⚽ THE SAME AMAZING JOB YOU DO EVERY MATCH
- ⚽ REPORT THOSE WHO DO NOT BY CONTACTING THE LEAGUE SECRETARY
- ⚽ SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE COACHES
- ⚽ ALLOW CHILDREN TO TALK OPENLY ON THE PITCH
- ⚽ ASSIST PLAYERS WITH MATCH RULES WHERE NECESSARY
- ⚽ GIVE QUARTERLY BREAKS TO ALLOW THE COACHES TO SPEAK TO PLAYERS

## DONT'S

- ⚽ STOP PARENTS AND COACHES FROM TALKING QUIETLY AMONG THEMSELVES
- ⚽ BE AFRAID TO STOP THE PLAY TO ADDRESS SOMEONE NOT ADHERING TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT



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# REPORTING PROCESS

**PLEASE FIND BELOW THE REPORTING PROCESS FOR CLUBS & REFEREES IF THEY FEEL ANY OF THE CODES OF CONDUCT HAVE BEEN BREACHED:**

## **FOR CLUBS (U7-10)**

- COACHES & PARENTS/SPECTATORS TO REPORT ANY CONCERNS TO THE RESPECT STEWARD
- RESPECT STEWARD REPORTS ANY CONCERNS TO THE CLUB SECRETARY
- CLUB SECRETARY REPORTS ANY CONCERNS TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY

## **FOR CLUBS (U11-18)**

- COACHES & PARENTS/SPECTATORS REPORT ANY CONCERNS TO THE CLUB SECRETARY
- CLUB SECRETARY REPORTS ANY CONCERNS TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY

## **FOR REFEREES**

- REFEREES REPORT ANY CONCERNS TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY



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# FAQs

## **Q. WHAT IS THEIR GAME?**

**A. THEIR GAME AIMS TO CREATE A FUN, SAFE AND DEVELOPMENTAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YOUTH FOOTBALL BY ALLOWING THEM TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS, ENABLING THEM TO PLAY THE GAME WITH FREEDOM, WITHOUT PRESSURE OR OVER-EMPHASIS ON WINNING AT ALL COSTS.**

## **Q. WHY DO HAMPSHIRE FA DELIVER THIS?**

**A. TO RECOGNISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CLUBS AND LEAGUES THAT ALREADY PROMOTE THE VALUES OF THEIR GAME, RAISING AWARENESS OF SOME OF THE CONCERNS CHILDREN HAVE WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL AND ENSURING CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE BOARD.**

## **Q. WHAT ARE THE RULES OF THEIR GAME?**

**A. A CODE OF CONDUCT HAS BEEN CREATED FOR COACHES, REFEREES AND PARENTS, THIS CAN BE FOUND IN THIS RESOURCE. IN ADDITION, ALL RESOURCES WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL CLUBS AND LEAGUES. PLEASE READ THEM THOROUGHLY.**



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# FAQs

**Q. WHAT ARE THE COACHES SUPPOSED TO DO IF THEY CAN NOT COMMUNICATE?**

**A. COACHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO GIVE CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAYERS BEFORE THE GAME STARTS, TAKE NOTES DURING THE GAME AND UTILISE HALF TIME OR DESIGNATED BREAKS TO COMMUNICATE TO PLAYERS POSITIVELY. ALSO, COACHES CAN COMMUNICATE TO PLAYERS THROUGH THE CAPTAIN OR SUBSTITUTES DURING SUITABLE BREAKS IN PLAY.**

**Q. HOW DO WE KNOW WHO IS PART OF THE THEIR GAME?**

**A. A LIST OF PARTICIPATING LEAGUES WILL BE ADVERTISED ON [WWW.HAMPSHIREFA.COM](http://WWW.HAMPSHIREFA.COM), HOWEVER WE ENCOURAGE AS MANY TEAMS TO SIGN UP AS POSSIBLE, TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF THEIR GAME'S MESSAGE.**

**Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ARE PLAYING A TEAM THAT HAVE NOT SIGNED UP?**

**A. YOU COULD HAND OUT THE PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AND CODE OF CONDUCT TO ALL SPECTATORS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO SUPPORT THEIR GAME.**

**Q. WHAT IF A GAME GETS CALLED OFF?**

**A. EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A THEIR GAME MATCH WITH THE OPPONENT ONCE THE FIXTURE IS REARRANGED.**



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**Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF SPECTATORS DO NOT FOLLOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT?**

**A. FOLLOWING THE FA'S RESPECT CODES OF CONDUCT, THEY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE VENUE, MEET WITH THE CLUB'S COMMITTEE AND/OR WELFARE OFFICER, OR BE ASKED NOT TO ATTEND FUTURE GAMES. THERE MUST BE A RESPECT STEWARD NOMINATED FROM EACH TEAM FROM U7-12, THIS IS TO ENSURE THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS APPLIED APPROPRIATELY.**

**Q. CAN WE USE THIS AS A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY?**

**A. ABSOLUTELY! YOU CAN TIE A SPONSORED THEIR GAME MATCH IN WITH A LOCAL CHARITY OR WITH A NATIONAL CHARITY.**

**Q. HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL?**

**A. RESEARCH WILL BE CARRIED OUT AROUND THIS INITIATIVE, AND THE RESULTS WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE FUTURE INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS.**

**Q. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE DETAILS?**

**A. CHARLOTTE BROWN ON 01256 853 017 OR CHARLOTTE.BROWN@HAMPSHIREFA.COM**



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# THANK YOU

YOUR SUPPORT IS WHAT  
MAKES IT THE  
*BEAUTIFUL GAME*

THERE WILL BE A 'THEIR GAME' FEEDBACK FORM AVAILABLE ON THE  
HAMPSHIRE FA APP AFTER THE CAMPAIGN.



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