

Square FC & Square Rangers

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Spectators

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Introduction:

Square FC provides football on Saturday mornings for children and young people aged 9 to 18. All Square FC teams play in the Christian Youth Football League.

Square Rangers provides football on Saturday mornings for children and young people aged up to 13. Square Rangers plays in the South Beds Saturday League.

Code of Conduct:

1. Square FC and Square Rangers accept that the expectations and attitudes of parent's/carer's/spectator's have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:
 - other players
 - match officials
 - team managers/coaches and their assistants
 - spectators
2. Square FC and Square Rangers will ensure that parents, carers and spectators are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children (not just their own!) and will encourage all parents/carers/spectators to:
 - applaud the opposition as well as their own team
 - avoid coaching the child during the game
 - not to shout and scream
 - respect a match official's decisions
 - give attention to each of the children involved (not just the most talented players)
 - give encouragement to everyone taking part in the match or training session
3. Parents, carers and spectators should display consistently high standards of behaviour. They should, at all times, be positive role models.
4. Parents, carers and spectators should not use abusive, insulting, offensive, inflammatory and/or racist language under any circumstances.
5. Parents, carers and spectators should encourage players to win with humility and lose graciously. They should remain positive, enjoy themselves and keep things in perspective and should not measure achievement solely by match results.
6. If a contentious issue arises during the match (e.g. behaviour of members of the opposing team, a match official's interpretation of the off-side rule, etc.) parents, carers and spectators should speak calmly and respectfully to the referee and/or assistant referee *at half-time or the end of the game*. Under no circumstances should they distract (or berate!) a match official (or anyone else) from the touch-line during the game.
7. Should the contentious issue remain unresolved team officials and supporters should bring the matter to the attention of the club Chairperson or Secretary at the earliest opportunity so the club can respond appropriately.
8. Parents, carers and spectators are welcome to attend the special services at The Square (Dunstable Methodist Church) for players and their families.
9. Square FC and Square Rangers will ensure that all parents, carers and spectators know about and understand the club's Child Welfare and Protection Policy.
10. Square FC and Square Rangers will ensure that all parents, carers and spectators know about, understand, agree with, and adhere to this Code of Conduct.