

Square FC & Square Rangers Code of Conduct for Players

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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 believe that all players should take their obligations towards the game seriously. Players should know and abide by the rules and spirit of the game.
2. Players should always set a positive example of sporting behaviour for others, especially to younger players and supporters. Players should avoid all forms of bad sportsmanship, including time-wasting.
3. Players should work hard to develop their own game, skills and fitness, both at training and in a match situation.
4. Players should show due respect towards members of their own team. They should give encouragement to one another and should not blame individuals for mistakes.
5. Players should show due respect towards opponents. Players should:
 - always remember to treat opponents the way they, themselves, would like to be treated – irrespective of the result of the game
 - care for the physical wellbeing of opponents by avoiding violence and rough play
 - be considerate of the needs of injured opponents (alerting match officials and – if necessary – kicking the ball out of play so a player can receive First Aid)
6. Players should show due respect towards all match officials and others involved in the game. Players should:
 - accept the decision of the match official without protest
 - avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official
7. Players should show due respect towards all managers/coaches and supporters.
8. Players should not use abusive, insulting, offensive, inflammatory and/or racist language under any circumstances.
9. Players should not retaliate.
10. Players should resist any temptation to take drugs or any other banned substance.
11. Players should play their part in creating a friendly atmosphere within the club.
12. Players should treat with respect all equipment and kit supplied by the club, and also take care of their own kit.
13. Players should pay their subs on time (at each training session and match day).

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14. All players are encouraged to attend a church or church-based activity and should make every effort to attend the special services at The Square (Dunstable Methodist Church) for players and their families.
15. On match days players:
 - should be punctual (i.e. arrive at least 15 minutes before kick-off)
 - should prepare themselves properly before kick-off by get warmed up (stretching, jogging, passing the ball, etc.)
 - should respect the manager's team talk before kick-off and at half-time by listening and remaining quiet
 - should not pester the manager to either be played in another position or to return onto the field after being substituted
 - should do what the manager tells them to do
 - should remember that everything they say and do reflects not just on themselves, but on their team, their club and on Dunstable Methodist Church
 - should always shake hands with players of the opposing team at the end of a match
16. Square FC and Square Rangers will ensure that all players know about and understand the club's Child Welfare and Protection Policy.
17. Square FC and Square Rangers will ensure that all players know about, understand, agree with, sign, and remember to adhere to this Code of Conduct.

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(please complete and return this form to your team manager)

Player's NAME: (PLEASE PRINT)

Player's DATE OF BIRTH: (day / month / year)

Player's TEAM:.....

Player's signature:..... **Date:**

Signature of parent/carer/guardian:..... **Date:**