

## **A Code of Conduct for Football**

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

### **Community**

Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

### **Equality**

Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

### **Participants**

Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

### **Young People**

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

### **Propriety**

Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

### **Trust and Respect**

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

**Violence**

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

**Fairness**

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

**Integrity and Fair Play**

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.