

## HUYFC Players' Code of Conduct

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, are fundamental parts of the game - but not winning at any cost.

Fair play and respect for all others in the game is mandatory.

HUYFC is committed to serving the local community and enhancing community well-being.

The players and members of HUYFC must, when in public, at all times act and behave in a manner that is a credit to the club and a good example to others. This applies on the field, at school, college and at all times in public. Failure to do so could bring the name of the club into disrepute. Players must accept that reports of inappropriate or antisocial behaviour will be reviewed, and offenders face match bans and/or expulsion from the club.

### **Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules - a player should:**

- Know and abide by the Laws of the Game, play to the rules and spirit of the competition.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### **Respect towards the match officials - a player should:**

- Accept the decision of the match official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
- Show due respect towards match officials.

### **Respect towards team officials - a player should:**

- Abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.

### **Respect towards opponents - a player should:**

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents.

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### **Obligations towards the game - a player should:**

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, stamina and tactics.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his/her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players or supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including others involved in the game, avoiding and discouraging racism and sexism.
- Not use inappropriate language.

### **Obligations towards one's own team - a player should:**

- Make every effort, consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of The Game, to help his/her own team win.
- Resist any influence which may, or might be seen to, bring into question his/her commitment to the team winning.

### **General safety:**

Follow HUYFC policy;

Always wear shin-pads for matches and training.

No jewellery of any kind at training or matches.

Ensure knees and elbows are covered, by wearing long sleeves and tracksuit bottoms when training on astroturf.