



ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

WATCHET TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

1. Introduction

Watchet Town Youth endeavours to provide a safe environment for all persons involved with the club. This policy has been produced to act as guidance for expectations on behaviour for parents, carers and home spectators. It runs in parallel with the FA Charter Standard Anti-Bullying policy and the clubs safeguarding policy. Our expectations are aligned with the FA's found in the fa-respect-code-of-conduct-spectators-and-parents (<https://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/respect/efcom---respect-assets---september-2021/respect-code-of-conduct---parents.ashx>)

2. Minor Behaviour Incidents

The following are examples of minor behaviour incidents:

- Disrespecting club official
- Over celebrating goals and victories
- Unsporting conduct
- Inappropriate behaviour

If the clubs code of conduct is not followed Watchet Town FC will take the following actions:

The welfare officer or relevant officer will make a decision on the response required based on whether the incident was a minor or severe breach of conduct.

In the case of a minor incident the parent/carer or home spectator will receive a verbal warning from the welfare officer. If the person responds positively the matter will be counted as having been dealt with and no further action will be taken. If the behaviour persists the following steps will be taken:

1. The person will be suspended from 1 weeks training and 1 game. If responded to positively this will be counted as having been dealt with. The club committee will be informed.
2. If the person continues to persist with breaching conduct and after consultation with the club welfare officer; it will be dealt with in the same manner as a 'severe breach of code of conduct'.

3. Severe Behaviour Incidents

The following are examples of severe behaviour incidents:

- Swearing
- Continual disrespect to club officials: manager, coach
- Disrespect and harassment of match officials: referee, linesperson
- Incidents of severe disrespect towards your own team and opposition players: verbal or physical.
- Sexual harassment and conduct
- Abuse of any nature including racial, sexual orientation, transgender, religious or neurodiverse.

In the case of a severe incident of a breach of conduct the person will receive a formal warning by the Club welfare officer or relevant officer and action to be taken as follows:

1. First incident the person will be suspended for 2 weeks.
2. Second time the person will be banned from watching matches.
3. In the case of a third time the person and their playing children will be asked to leave the club.

However, depending on the severity and nature of the incident, the club may ban the official from the club with immediate effect and the relevant authorities informed. E.g. Somerset FA / Police.

4. Summary

In all these circumstances we are looking for the parent/carer or spectator to understand and reflect on their behaviour. In any incident we expect the person to apologise for the incident and make amends.