

CRAMLINGTON UNITED F.C.

Codes of Conduct
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Please read the Cramlington United FC (herein known as “the Club” or “CUFC”) Codes of Conduct before signing the Club Registration Form CUFC015.

Code of Conduct for Football

Football is the national game of which we should all be proud. Being involved with the game at any level requires accepting a personal level of responsibility towards the game, yourself and others. To maintain and enhance the reputation of the sport you are accepting responsibility to endorse the general principles of equality, trust, respect, integrity and fair play in all Club related activities.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a Cramlington United FC Parent or Guardian you will:

1. Demonstrate positive attitudes and polite behaviour to the players, coaches, officials and supporters of all football clubs/teams.
2. Respect the decisions of the match officials, coach and team officials without protests.
3. Help young people to accept winning and losing in an appropriate way.
4. Always encourage a footballer to become a better player and person regardless of the team they represent.
5. Not use foul language, obscene gestures or ridicule people, or put undue pressure on individuals to perform.
6. Ensure that your child uses appropriate clothing and equipment for the activity (s)he is participating in.
7. Inform your coach/manager in sufficient time in situations when your child is unavailable.
8. Adhere to all of the Club’s policies and bring any grievances/concerns to the attention of the relevant parties.
9. Whilst there are no set rules, we as a responsible Club, would additionally recommend that parents/guardians closely monitor the amount of competitive sports your child participates in, particularly in relation to their physical maturation age. For example, additional participation with another football club can lead to child burnout and physical exhaustion.

Code of Conduct for Players

As a Cramlington United FC Player, you are accepting that you will:

1. Always try your best.
2. Play by the laws of the game and accept any referee’s decision.
3. Not lose your temper or use inappropriate language or gestures.
4. Show respect for players, coaches and spectators, regardless of the team they represent.
5. Encourage and supports others to improve their football ability.
6. Report anyone that makes you do something that you do not want to do.
7. Accept winning and losing in an appropriate manner.
8. Inform your coach/manager when you are not available to train or play.

Please note that in accordance with our constitution any club member who, without informing the club, does not attend training for 2 months or more is deemed to have resigned from the Club.

Code of Conduct for Coaches/Managers

Coach/manager attitudes and behaviours are the key to establishing positive attitudes and good ethical practice within the Club as well as the local community. Moral concerns as well as consideration of the health, safety and welfare of young people must always override a 'win at all costs' football orientated attitude. Remember the primary aim of the Club is "to educate and develop through football an individual's physical, mental, social and moral capabilities, so as to promote socially inclusive behaviour and valued citizenship". As a football coach, assistant or helper, you are therefore accepting that you will:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat equally within the context of the sport.
2. Place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Adhere to all guidelines and rules laid down by The Football Association and football competitions that the Club is affiliated to.
4. Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward, nor use or tolerate inappropriate language.
6. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and language.
7. Ensure that the activities you direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from you.
9. Co-operate with other specialists (e.g. officials, doctors and child support agencies) in the best interests of the player.
10. Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations or behaviour contrary to the spirit or Laws of the Game, or encourage the use of prohibited substances or techniques to improve player performance.
11. Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Adhere to all the Club's policies and bring any grievances/concerns to the attention of the relevant parties.

Procedure to be adopted if approached by another football club

Scouts from other football clubs/academies will sometimes make direct approaches to individual players and/or their parents/guardians at a football match. In all circumstances, please advise them to contact the appropriate CUFC team manager or CUFC Football Co-ordinator. On production of an official Club identification, CUFC will then give all reasonable cooperation to such discussions consistent with parent/guardian/player wishes ensuring the effective fulfilment of CUFC commitments.