

Leigh Sports Hub – Football Leagues Code of Conduct

Football League Players

We all share a responsibility to promote the highest standards of behaviour within the game. Players regularly express the importance of having an appointed referee for every match. However, thousands of match officials leave the game each year due to the abuse and intimidation they experience both on and off the pitch. By showing respect to your referee today, you help ensure that you will continue to have a referee for every match throughout the season. As a player, you have a vital role in maintaining these standards. All players participating in our leagues are required to follow the Code of Conduct outlined below.

On and off the field, I will:

- Play fairly — I will not cheat, complain excessively, or waste time.
- Respect my teammates and the opposition team.
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour at all times.
- Promote Fair Play in all matches and interactions.
- Always respect the decisions of the match officials.
- Never engage in public criticism of match officials.
- Never participate in bullying, intimidation, harassment, or abusive behaviour.

I understand that if I fail to follow this Code of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by Leigh Sports Village, Lancashire FA, or The FA:

- I may be required to issue an apology to teammates, opponents, or match officials.
- I may be required to serve a suspension.
- I may be subject to a fine.
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In addition:

- The FA and/or County FA may impose a fine and/or suspension on my team.

Leigh Sports Hub enforces a strict zero tolerance policy in relation to any form of violence, abusive behaviour, threats, or serious misconduct occurring within our football leagues or anywhere on our premises. All participants are required to uphold a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment at all times.

Any individual who engages in conduct contrary to these expectations will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Football League Coordinator.

Disciplinary Measures

First Offence

- A first offence may result in a suspension of up to four (4) weeks, depending on the severity of the incident.

Repeat Offences

- Any repeat offender will receive a full and indefinite ban. This sanction applies not only to participation in the football leagues but to all use of Leigh Sports Hub facilities.
- Severe or aggravated incidents where the conduct is deemed severe, dangerous, or otherwise intolerable, an individual may be issued an immediate permanent ban, regardless of previous conduct history.

Enforcement

- All suspensions and bans issued under this policy are final, non-negotiable, and enforceable. Leigh Sports Hub reserves the right to take any additional measures deemed necessary to safeguard staff, officials, participants, and all facility users.