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YOUTH PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

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"It Takes a Village – Play with Pride, Respect and Fun"

Welcome to Rushall Village FC!

When you come to your very first training session, you are agreeing to this Code of Conduct. This is a promise between you and the club about how we all behave so that everyone can enjoy football, feel safe, make friends, and get better at the game.

As a player at Rushall Village FC, I promise to:

When playing and training, I will:

- Always try my best and play for the benefit of my team.
- Play fairly - I will not cheat, dive, complain about decisions, waste time, or argue with the referee.
- Show respect to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, my coach, and everyone at the club.
- Play by the rules and listen to what the referee says.
- Be a good sport - win or lose with a smile. I will shake hands (or give a high-five) with the other team and the referee at the end of every game.
- Listen carefully and do what my coach or team manager asks me to do.
- Understand that the coach has to make decisions that are best for the whole team, not just one player.
- Help and encourage my team-mates - especially when they make a mistake.
- Welcome new players and make sure everyone feels included, no matter their ability or background.
- Never bully, tease, or be mean to anyone - even if it's meant as a joke.
- Look after my own safety and the safety of others (for example, by wearing shin pads and reporting any injuries).
- Speak politely and never use bad language or say hurtful things.
- Represent Rushall Village FC with pride - both on and off the pitch.

If something is worrying me, I will:

- Talk to someone I trust - my coach, my parent, or the Club Welfare Officer.
- Remember that it's always okay to speak up if I feel unhappy, unsafe, or treated unfairly.

I understand that if I do not follow this Code, the club may take action to help me improve. Possible actions include:

- I may need to say sorry to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, or my coach.
- I may receive a formal warning from my coach or the club committee.
- I may be asked to sit out part of a game (substituted) or not start in the next match.
- I may be suspended from training for a short time.
- My parent or carer may be told about what happened so they can help me.
- In serious or repeated cases, I may be asked to leave the club.

In addition:

- The club, County FA, or The FA may fine or suspend the club because of player behaviour.
- Everyone at Rushall Village FC wants football to be fun and safe - so we all help each other follow these rules.