

# NEXTGEN FC

THE FUTURE IS YOU

## PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT · 2026/27

**This one is yours.** It belongs to every NextGen FC player, from our youngest to our oldest. It says how we do things here.

*Younger players: ask a grown-up to read it with you. There is a separate code for the adults — your parents and anyone who comes to watch you have their own rules to follow too.*

## OUR FOUR VALUES

| VALUE             | WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME                                                                         |
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| <b>Desire</b>     | I try my hardest every time — in training and in matches, from the first minute to the last. |
| <b>Teamwork</b>   | I help my teammates and cheer for others when they do well.                                  |
| <b>Leadership</b> | I set a good example, encourage others, and do the right thing even when no one is watching. |
| <b>Resilience</b> | When I make a mistake or we lose, I keep my head up and go again. Mistakes are how I learn.  |

## WHEN I PLAY FOR NEXTGEN FC, I WILL...

- **Play because I love football** — and remember it's a game, so have fun!
- **Listen to my coaches** and always try the things we are learning, even when (especially when!) they're hard.
- **Be kind to my teammates.** I will never make fun of anyone, leave anyone out, or bully anyone — at football, at school, or online.
- **Respect my opponents.** They love football too. I will shake hands and say "good game", win or lose.
- **Respect the referee** and accept their decisions without arguing — even when I think they got it wrong.
- **Win with grace and lose with dignity** — no showing off, no sulking, no blaming others.
- Never use bad language, spit, dive, cheat or try to hurt anyone.
- Arrive on time, in my kit, with my shin pads and water bottle, ready to play.
- **Look after the pitch, the equipment and my kit**, and help tidy up when the coach asks. Helping without being asked is a bonus!
- **Wear my NextGen kit with pride** — I represent the club everywhere I go.

## IF SOMETHING IS WRONG

**You will never be in trouble for telling someone.**

If anything ever worries you, scares you or makes you feel sad — at football, at home, at school

or online — tell your coach, tell Reece, or tell another adult you trust. You can also speak to **Jess Garside, our Club Welfare Officer, on 07512 044480**. We will always listen, and we will always take you seriously.

*If you would rather talk to someone outside the club, you can ring Childline free on 0800 1111, any time, day or night.*

## IF I BREAK THE CODE

My coach will remind me about it and help me put it right. If it keeps happening, I might sit out part of a session or a match, and my parents or carers will be told. That's fair — the code keeps football fun and safe for everyone.

### Ready?

Read this through with a grown-up, then ask them to tick the box on the NextGen FC sign-up form to say you've read it together. There's a space on that form for you to type your own name too — we'd love you to.