

Runcorn Linnets Junior Football Club

Code of Conduct



General

1. Our aim at Runcorn Linnets JFC is to provide association football for all children and arrange such social and recreational events as may be deemed desirable.
2. We will play football within the laws of the game and relevant league & cup competition rules. We will know and abide by any rules, respecting these rules and the spirit of the game. We will accept success, failure, victory and defeat equally.

Players

1. Players should make every effort to attend training sessions. Failure to do so could affect team selections.
2. On training days, all players should report to the training venue no later than 5 minutes before the start of the session.
3. Player's must wear appropriate footwear (football boots / trainers) and shin pads during both training sessions and matches.
4. On match days, all players must present themselves in appropriate kit and arrive at the venue at the time given by the manager.
5. If you are unavailable for selection, due to illness, injury or other commitments, you must advise the team manager at the earliest opportunity. For junior players, this contact should be made via the player's parent or gaurdian.
6. Players will show due respect towards match officials and accept their decisions.
7. Swearing, spitting and/or insulting behaviour directed at own players, opponents, team officials, match officials and supporters, whilst at training or matches will not be tolerated. Any contravention may result in an individual fine, a team fine and/or possible individual or club suspension.
8. To avoid the possibility of personal injury and/or loss of property, jewellery must not be worn at training or matches.
9. To avoid the possible dangers of choking, chewing gum or eating while training or during matches is not permitted.



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10. Every player will give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his/her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.



**Play your best.
Be your best.**

Make sure you and everyone around you has a good time on and off the pitch.

Play Your Part
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Young Players

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training

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The FA's National Code
Building society with mutual respect



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Parents/Carers

1. Parents, family, friends and all supporters of the team are welcome at every match. They should conduct themselves and remind others to behave in a sporting manner at all times, before, during and after each match. The Club could be fined for inappropriate behaviour.
2. Players/parents shall be responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the provided team kit. Team kit items are only to be worn when the player is representing Runcorn Linnets JFC. Any damage or loss not caused during a match or training will result in repair or replacement costs being met by the parent/carer.
3. If a player/parent or supporter involved with Runcorn Linnets JFC experiences a problem with the referee, other players, officials or supporters from the opposition, they must at the first opportunity, advise the manager of the team or another Club Official. They should allow this club representative to deal with the situation and not get involved themselves.
4. Injuries should always be reported to the manager. The manager, parent and player will discuss the injury and the player will only play in a match or take part in a training session if the manager is satisfied that the player is fit enough to participate. The long-term welfare and wellbeing of the player will always take priority.
5. Any yellow or red cards received and/or any fines imposed on any player by the League or County FA will be the responsibility of the player/parent involved.
6. In accordance with League and Club Rules, the manager and/or coach is the only person authorised to coach from the sidelines during a match. Positive support and encouragement from all supporters is always welcomed, but please refrain from coaching.

Social Media:

Your actions on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Forums etc.) may have serious consequences. Negative comments, inappropriate images, bullying, criticism, racism, sexist or derogatory remarks not only impact negatively on the people they are about, they reflect badly on yourself, your child and on Runcorn Linnets FC & Juniors that you represent.



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If you are found to have acted improperly on social media by breaching any of this part of the code of conduct, you may be required to face a hearing of the Junior Executive Committee to explain your actions.

Through such hearings, disciplinary action may be imposed such as suspension or deregistration from the Club. In some circumstances it may be necessary for Runcorn Linnets Juniors to notify the police.

THE ABUSE OF REFEREES AND OFFICIALS, VISITING MANAGERS/OFFICIALS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS EITHER VERBALLY, PHYSICALLY OR IN ANY OTHER FORM BY ANY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OR COACH WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANY INSTANCE.

Runcorn Linnets JFC operates a zero tolerance policy towards parental/guardian misbehaviour. Any parent/spectator found to have not adhered to all elements of the Club's Rules and the Responsible Parents/Carers/Spectators Code of Conduct may be excluded from the club. In addition their child may also face exclusion on either a temporary or permanent basis to be decided by the Junior Executive Committee members.

As a parent/guardian, if you do not follow the Clubs Codes then any/all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, County or National FA or League:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official



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- Required to meet with the Club or League Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependants.

If we behave positively during practice and matches, our children will too.
By setting a good example, we'll help build a supportive environment in which everyone can enjoy themselves.

Play Your Part
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Spectators and Parents/Carers

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

I will:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices & review guidance on **physical contact (5.6) & Acceptable Behaviours When Working With Young People (5.7)** documents on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine

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Coaches/Managers

1. Coaches/Managers must ensure that they are aware and have read Runcorn Linnets JFC's Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying policies.
2. Coaches/Managers must ensure that they complete and retain 'in date' mandatory qualifications/certifications - DBS, First Aid in Football and Safeguarding Children. Runcorn Linnets JFC will cover the financial outlay to achieve mandatory certifications. Failure to complete recertifications may result in a coach/manager not being able to take training sessions or represent the team at matches.
3. Within the first full season of being an authorised coach/manager of a Runcorn Linnets JFC team, you must complete the FA Introduction to Coaching Football qualification. Initial First Aid in Football and Safeguarding Children certifications are included as part of this qualification. Runcorn Linnets JFC will cover the financial outlay to achieve this qualification.
4. Coaches/Managers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
5. Coaches/Managers must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
6. Coaches/Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and the Rules of The Football Association.
7. Coaches/Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
8. Coaches/Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
9. Coaches/Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
10. Coaches/Managers must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate is appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
11. Coaches/Managers should, at the outset, clarify with the player (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of



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them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.

12. Coaches/Managers must cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
13. Coaches/Managers, as an appointed representative of the club must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play, FA Respect campaign) to players, parents, match officials and spectators alike. They must never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, violence of any kind or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the 'Laws of the Game' or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
14. Coaches/Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and experience at all times during training, matches or tournaments and as an appointed representative of the club be a role model for players, parents and spectators.
15. Coaches/Managers must not "approach" and/or "trial" new players from another team within the qualifying age group with a view to their permanent transfer without first consulting with the manager of the other team for whom the player currently plays, the player's parent(s)/carer(s) and the club secretary. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary proceedings as decided by club officials.
16. In cases where the player is proposing to join Runcorn Linnets JFC from another club, the formal transfer procedure, as laid down by the relevant league, will be followed and initiated by the Club Secretary.



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Set the standards
for a great game.

Use your position to set a
positive example for the people
you're responsible for and lead
a better game for everyone.



Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away



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Positive.*

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
 - Never tolerate any form of bullying
 - Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
 - Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests
 - I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices & review guidance on **physical contact** (5.6) & **Acceptable Behaviours When Working With Young People** (5.7) documents on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com
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- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
 - Suspended by the club from attending matches
 - Suspended or fined by the County FA
 - Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn



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