



**West Lothian
Council**

Education and Cultural Services



WEST LOTHIAN FOOTBALL FORUM CODES OF CONDUCT

The following Codes of Conduct have been devised by the West Lothian Football Forum and are based on the concept of fair play, defined by:

1. **Respect for the rules.**
2. **Respect for the referees and their decisions.**
3. **Respect for all participants, including team-mates, coaches and opponents.**
4. **Equal participation (where appropriate).**
5. **Maintaining self-control at all times.**

The West Lothian Football Forum in partnership with football's governing bodies recommends the following guidelines on club, coach, player and spectator conduct.

CLUBS, COACHES & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a role model to young players. • Be patient and supportive. • Place emphasis on good behaviour. • Exercise self-control when a goal is scored or conceded. • Make it fun/challenging for young players. • Be a coach that players respect, by praising and setting a good example. • Seek to update coaching skills and knowledge. • Ensure players get equal instruction, support and playing time (where appropriate). • Teach players to play fairly, respect the rules and opponents. • Provide a positive environment for youths to play football. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not forget your responsibility as a role model. • Do not over-emphasise results. • Never berate your own player. • Never ridicule or shout at players after mistakes. • Never address opposing teams' players or management in a negative or aggressive manner. • Do not criticise match supervisors/referees or speak to him/her in a negative or aggressive manner. • Never ridicule, show disrespect or abuse officials • Comments on the WLAYFC website criticising referees or opponents shall be treated as a breach of SYFA disciplinary guidelines and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.
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WE ARE NOT ADVERSARIES: WE ARE COLLEAGUES WHO ALL HAVE THE SAME GOAL. IT IS VITAL THAT WE SEE "THE BIG PICTURE" IN THAT OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS OF ALL PLAYERS, NOT JUST THOSE IN OUR OWN TEAM

I have read the Coaches' Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the guidelines laid down by the West Lothian Football Forum and Partners.

Name:

Name:

Signed:

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Club: