



Swindon Town FC  
**Community Foundation**

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## Swindon Town FC Community Foundation Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football first and foremost because they love playing. Swindon Town FC Community Foundation is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for the game, as a foundation for developing the skills and tactical abilities of each child.

We believe that taking part in club activities contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning football matches. All of our teams play to win, but not at any cost. Children must play games in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere which allows them to play to the best of their abilities.

To achieve this result, we rely heavily on the parents and supporters who attend matches to behave appropriately and to give their support in the right way. We, therefore, require all parents and supporters who attend Swindon Town FC Community Foundation sessions to read, understand, and sign a copy of this code of conduct - and to abide by it at all relevant times.

### Obligations towards the team

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Encourage all members of the team by applauding good play (not just goals scored)
2. Show understanding when players make mistakes or if the team loses.
3. Be positive. Constructively discuss performances at an appropriate time. Focus on things the child did well. Don't dwell on mistakes.
4. Not shout-out instructions to pass, shoot, etc. Leave it to the coaches.
5. Never use abusive language or behaviour towards any player, including your child.
6. Do not use social media to comment negatively on the performance of players, spectators or officials involved in the match.
7. Parents and Carers have a responsibility to monitor the social media accounts of their children and to ensure these are not used to the detriment of others involved in both the training sessions and matches of their respective teams.

### Obligations to the other team:

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Applaud the opposition or good play, not just your team.



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2. Respect the opposition players coaches and supporters.
3. Not shout or scream or use abusive language.

**Obligations to the officials:**

1. Parents and Spectators should:
2. Respect the Official's decisions.
3. Never argue with an official - even if you think their decision is wrong.
4. Never act in an abusive way to an official, coach, manager or players, and never use racist language or behaviour.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Football is for everyone, it belongs to and should be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it, whether as a player, official, staff member, volunteer or spectator. Swindon Town FC Community Foundation recognises that providing equality of opportunity, valuing diversity and promoting a culture of inclusion is vital to our success.

We want our staff, coaches, volunteers and participants to reflect the diversity of the communities that we serve and influence. We aim to be a place where people can be free to be themselves no matter what their identity or background. We will ensure that equality is embedded in all of our activities, policies and decisions.

To report incidents and allegations of discriminatory actions or behaviour, our equality, diversity and inclusion policy is available at [www.stfcfoundation.com](http://www.stfcfoundation.com)

I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by its conditions

Name .....

Signed Parent /Guardian .....

Date .....



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