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Participants code of conduct

Signed

Kirsteen Fraser (Senior Safeguarding Manager)

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Shane Hewlett (Head of Foundation)

This policy and set of procedures will be reviewed on an annual basis, or sooner should any major incident, organisational or legislative change arise.

Latest review: September 2025

Date of next review: September 2026

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player you have a big part to play, therefore, Swindon Town FC Community Foundation (STFCCF) is asking every player to follow a code of conduct. Obligations towards the game a player should:

My promise to myself is –

To make every effort to develop my own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina. Outside of football I will try to be the best version of myself for my coaches, teammates and everyone that my attitude will affect.

Towards my teammates, coaches and other STFCCF Staff Members –

1. Respect my teammates, the other team, the referee and my coach, don't be derogatory, judgemental or abusive in any way.
2. Listen and respond to what my coach tells me.
3. Talk to the Foundation safeguarding officer (Shane Hewlett) if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.
4. Respect my teammates at school or in other social environments.
5. Not use social media as a platform to be negative, derogatory, abusive or judgemental, this includes but is not limited to –
    a. For bullying or derogatory comments, either publicly or by private message.
    b. To post negative comments about the staff, team or opposition teams of Swindon Town FC Community Foundation
        i. If this is to happen <u>to you</u> take a screen shot of any negative comments and talk to Shane Hewlett (Foundation Safeguarding Officer) in the first instance if I am unhappy.
6. If a team member tells me something in confidence that I feel a member of staff should be made aware of, I will explain that I must share this information with the Foundation's safeguarding officer (Shane Hewlett) so that it can be dealt with appropriately.

Towards the referee and my overall conduct in a match situation –

1. I will play fairly, I will not cheat, complain or waste time.
2. Play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
3. Remove all jewellery when playing in training and matches and ensure that shinpads are worn.

Towards my opposition –

1. I will be respectful to my opponent and not use abusive or foul language before, during or after the game.
2. Under no circumstances will I use derogatory language towards opposition players, staff members or volunteers.

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Touring Teams –

Note: If you are caught breaking any of the below rules, agreements and codes of conduct you **will** lose your place within the STFCCF.

If you are caught breaking any of these rules it will be a requirement from your parent and/or guardian to pay for a flight home and any potential damages that may be a result of your actions.

1. Players are not to climb balconies or stand on any railings.
2. No player from the opposite team is permitted to enter your room at any point unless specific permission is given by an STFCCF staff member.
3. Under no circumstances are you to leave the hotel without permission, and you must always be with a staff member.
4. Under no circumstances are you to go into the pool without permission from an STFCCF member of staff and a member of STFCCF staff on pool side.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA: I may:

1. Be required to apologies to my team-mates
2. Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
3. Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club.
4. Be dropped or substituted.
5. Be suspended from training.
6. Not be allowed to travel as part of an organised trip.
7. Be required to leave the centre.
8. In addition: Club, County FA or the FA will make my parents or carers aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
9. The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

Signed

Player ..... **Date** .....

Parent.....**Date**.....