



Birkirkara F.C. Youth Nursery *'The Birkirkara Football School'*

Legal Guardian Code of Conduct

Nursery's staff shall be enhancing the boys' skills and helping them to develop good habits. However, footballers develop at different times and they will make mistakes, hopefully learning from them as they progress.

The Nursery seeks your help in the following ways:

1. **Do not coach the team or a child from the sideline during game play;**
2. Always encourage your child to play by the rules;
3. Do not shout or criticise if a player makes a mistake. If someone does, please encourage them to be quiet and carry on the game;
4. Applaud good play and sporting behaviour from both sides;
5. Do not question the decisions neither of the referee nor assistant referee;
6. Help to remove all verbal, physical and racial abuse from football.

Always look for the positive signs in both individual and team performances i.e effort/attitude/skill.

7. Practice good sportsmanship and demonstrate RESPECT at all times to your child, other children and their parents, opposing coaches, opponents and parents, spectators and officials.
8. Encourage your child to ask the coaches any questions he/she has.
9. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
10. Do not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
11. Never attend a practice, game or other related activity under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
12. Transport your son to the training sessions and the matches and back **in time**. The nursery may ask you for the reasons in writing, why the child is attending the sessions late.

13. You are to enter the Infetti Training Grounds from the main entrance at P.P. Castagna Street (and not from the bar) unless instructed otherwise.
14. You are not admitted to pass through the training pitches. Follow and respect the signs around the facilities.
15. It is important that the child does not miss any training sessions and matches unless for a good and valid reason. Notify the child's coaches of any planned absences from practice or games.
16. Make sure that your child attends training sessions and matches with the Nursery kit only. Kits should preferably be marked with the child's name. On wintery days, you are advised to send your child with the Nursery's rain jacket.
17. No earrings and other jewellery are allowed during training and matches.
18. Always encourage your child to find time to try football skills he learned during the training sessions.
19. Do not send sweets and/or packets with your child for training and matches. Children are only allowed to bring food during a festival or a tournament and should include bread, fruit, cereal and other nutritional food. Chewing gum is prohibited.
20. Follow the instructions of the coach and/or official during the game, including leaving the area if asked by the coach, official or steward, if he/she feels your behaviour or actions so warrant it.
21. If you wish to speak with the Head Coach (Director of Youth Coaching) and/or the Nursery's coaches, you are asked to request for an appointment through the Nursery Administrator.
22. Approach coaches with respect if you wish to speak with them concerning your child.
23. Do NOT photograph or video the players without permission. Only Nursery officials and accredited photographers will be allowed to photograph and video players.
24. You will not be allowed to give water to your child during the training session or a match. Help your child be responsible from now.
25. Pay any subscriptions or fees on time.
26. Attend activities and events organised by the Nursery. These are very important if you truly wish to make a difference in your child's life.

Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

Parents/Guardians (and their guests) who engage in behaviour that violates the Legal/Guardian Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions or removal from competitions that involve children associated with the Birkirkara F.C. Youth Nursery.

Any inquires regarding this Legal Guardian Code of Conduct should be directed to the Chairman and/or Nursery Administrator.

Finally please note that your child's success requests full cooperation between the nursery representatives and yourself.