



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

Players' Code of Conduct

Players are the very most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. Fair Play and RESPECT for all others in the game is fundamentally important. This also includes not winning any game at any costs.

Players must abide by the following Players' Code of Conduct.

CONDUCT

1. Players are reminded that they represent the Birkirkara F.C. Youth Nursery and that their behaviour should show respect for others.
2. Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
3. Respect the officials and accept all decisions without question.
4. Understand and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and any competition in which you participate.
5. Players are not to argue or use body language with officials' decisions and must play the game in a fair and competitive manner.
6. Treat all players fairly and with respect. The Nursery does not tolerate bullying, teasing, harassing or taking unfair advantage of another player.
7. Be a good sport. Applaud good play by your team and the opposition.
8. Play for fun and enjoyment, not just to please parents or coaches.
9. Control your temper. Swearing, fighting, dissent, trash talking and bad behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.
10. Work hard for yourself and your team. Encourage and support your teammates, co-operate with your coach - you cannot win a game on your own.
11. Accept defeat with dignity and don't seek excuses for defeat or blame the referee or anyone else.

ATTENDANCE

1. Players are expected to attend every training session. Players who do not attend regularly will not be selected for Nursery games and risk losing their place at the Nursery.
2. Players who are unable to attend an Academy training session or game must inform their Coach or the Nursery's Director or Youth Coaching as soon as possible. Failure to do so shall imply that the absence will be recorded as a non-attendance for the purposes of assessing the attendance record of the player.
3. Inform your team coach of any change of contact telephone number.
4. Players will turn up for matches in advance of kick-off and training as directed by the team coach.
5. Players are not allowed to stay in any of the football pitches after training.

OTHER CONTACTS

1. Players must notify the Nursery's Director or Youth Coaching of approaches from or trials for other local or foreign nurseries/academies.
2. Players must inform the Nursery's Administrator of any approach or contact with the player or parents of the player by other nurseries.
3. Players must notify the Nursery's Director or Youth Coaching of any training sessions and events he will wish to attend to with other football schools.

RESPECT YOUR COACH

1. Address a coach by his first name. Call him "Coach _____".
2. Listen to your coaches. You are here to learn and the key to learning is listening.
3. Players are to follow the instructions or team rules of the coach without argument. This includes instructions regarding playing time and position.
4. Players are to work hard, concentrate, cooperate and not be disruptive at practices and games.
5. Respect the wishes and directions of your coach, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
6. Concentrate on the game your coach has asked you to play. Express yourself in that role.

APPAREL

1. Players should always attend training sessions and matches with the Nursery kit, clean football boots, trainers (when instructed), shin pads, ample water, towel and correct kit. No metal studs are accepted, unless otherwise instructed by your team coach.
2. Players are required to wear Nursery tracksuits for matches, unless they have not been already issued, in which case, attire is at the sole discretion of the team coach.
3. Players are to respect the property and equipment of the Infetti Training Grounds and other venues attended.
4. The Nursery kit used for matches is only to be worn for matches and should be as requested by the team coach.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Be honest with your coach and inform him of any injuries or illness. If necessary and possible, an appointment with medical staff will be arranged.
2. Jewellery must not be worn during coaching sessions and matches for safety of the all.
3. Players must inform the coach if medication is being taken.
4. Players must not eat or chew during matches or training

**Be committed to your own growth and development,
and strive to be the best student/athlete you can be.**

I understand that if I do not follow the above Code of Conduct, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my Nursery as following:

1. Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager;
2. Receive a warning from the coach;
3. Receive a written warning from the Nursery committee;
4. Be dropped or substituted;
5. Be suspended from training;
6. Not be selected for the team;
7. Be required to serve a suspension;
8. Be fined;
9. Be required to leave the Nursery.