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## **HORSHAM YMCA YOUTH PLAYERS' GUIDE AND CODES OF CONDUCT**

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## **Membership**

The cost of Horsham YMCA Youth Membership will be £2.00 per season. This fee will cover all league registration fees, player insurance, training, coaching sessions and a Horsham YMCA FC ground pass that will entitle the holder to gain free entry to all first team home league fixtures.

There are no match fees should you be selected to play. However, not included in membership are any fines you may incur during the season.

All successful players require good fitness levels but over-playing can be damaging. Playing too much over a short period of time can be detrimental to a player's progression. Try to be selective about how many games you play and prioritise your commitments.

Parents who have any issues or grievances should initially raise them with their boy's respective team manager. Should the matter remain unresolved, the next point of contact must involve the Youth Club Secretary. There is no point in parents approaching officials of the Senior Club and they will be referred back to the Youth Club Secretary and Committee.

## Aims and Objectives

- To progress players towards the Horsham YMCA senior teams.
- To allow natural development and assist players to compete at the highest level.
- To provide a drug-free environment.
- To set moral standards by not arguing with officials, opponents or spectators.
- To enjoy the game and ensure it is played to the best of their ability in a sporting manner.
- For parents, whilst on the touchline, to leave the tactics to the manager of the team or his assistant and conduct themselves in a manner which will not discredit Horsham YMCA.
- To coach within a structured environment to ensure the overall progress of the individual and the team.
- To promote football in the community.

## Players' Code of Conduct

### Players' Responsibilities

To read the Club's Adult Code of Conduct – it applies to **YOU**.

### Clothing

1. Always wear kit provided by the Club when you attend a match. Support shorts **MUST MATCH** team shorts.
2. Remember that you should not wear or bring anything that is too valuable, as it may get mislaid.

### Timing

1. Be early, not late.
2. If you are ill, or going away, let your manager know as early as possible.

### Behaviour and Attitude

1. No bad language please, either on or off the field.
2. Listen to what the manager is saying to you, without interruption.
3. The referee is in charge of the game, do as he says and do not argue.
4. In general, the Football Association is clamping down on bad behaviour and violence of any kind, and racist remarks will not be tolerated.

### Jewellery

FA Law 4 states “*A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including **ANY KIND OF JEWELLERY**)*”

### Sportsmanship

1. Winning is a good feeling – think about how the opposition feel about losing.
2. Genuinely congratulating your opponents is a sign of strength, not weakness.
3. The club values highly the winning of league sportsmanship trophies.

# FA LAW AMENDMENTS JULY 2006

*[PLEASE ALSO READ THE GENERAL F.A. LAW AMENDMENTS JULY 2006]*

## LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

A PLAYER IS CAUTIONED AND SHOWN THE **YELLOW** CARD IF HE COMMITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN OFFENCES:

1. Is guilty of unsporting behaviour
2. Shows dissent by word or action
3. Persistently infringes the laws of the game
4. Delays the restart of play
5. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in
6. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
7. Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

A SUBSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTED PLAYER IS CAUTIONED AND SHOWN THE **YELLOW** CARD IF HE COMMITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THREE OFFENCES:

1. Is guilty of unsporting behaviour
2. Shows dissent by word or action
3. Delays the restart of play

A PLAYER, SUBSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTED PLAYER IS SENT OFF AND SHOWN THE **RED** CARD IF HE COMMITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN OFFENCES:

1. Is guilty of serious foul play
2. Is guilty of violent misconduct
3. Spits at an opponent or any other person
4. Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
5. Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
6. Uses offensive or insulting language and/or gestures
7. Receives a second caution in the same match.

A PLAYER, SUBSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTED PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN SENT OFF AND SHOWN THE **RED** CARD MUST LEAVE THE VICINITY OF THE FIELD OF PLAY AND THE TECHNICAL AREA.

## LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

If the referee gives the signal for a **PENALTY** to be taken and, before the ball is in play, one of the following situations occurs:

- a) the player taking the penalty kick infringes the laws of the game
  - The referee allows the kick to proceed
  - If the ball enters the goal, the kick is re-taken
  - If the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and re-starts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team, from the place where the offence occurred.
- b) a team mate of the player taking the kick infringes the laws of the game
  - the referee allows the kick to proceed
  - if the ball enters the goal, the kick is re-taken
  - if the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and re-starts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team, from the place where the infringement occurred.
- c) a team mate of the goalkeeper infringes the laws of the game
  - the referee allows the kick to proceed
  - if the ball enters the goal, a goal is given
  - if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is re-taken

## LAW 17 – THE CORNER KICK

Opponents remain at least 9.15 m (10 yards) from **the corner arc** until **the ball** is in play

## Adult Code of Conduct

*In the “heat of the moment” and the “excitement of the game”, it is sometimes difficult for club officials and parents to take an objective and balanced view about youth football (and adult football for that matter!). The Management Committee would be grateful if you would bear the following in mind.*

1. The players are not competing to satisfy your ambitions.
2. The players are really involved for their enjoyment – not yours.
3. You have the responsibility to encourage players to keep to the rules.
4. Teamwork and effort are as important as winning – you should accept losing, without undue disappointment.
5. Do not allow a winning side to “gloat” over their victory.
6. Never ridicule, or shout at, a player for making a mistake or losing – praise the things they have done well, or keep quiet.
7. Set an example – applaud good play by both teams.
8. Never publicly question the referee’s decisions – never doubt his or her honesty.
9. Help to remove all verbal and physical abuse from football.
10. Recognise the value and importance of the coaches, who give up their time to help players.

***If the content and spirit of this simple code is followed, everyone should have a really good match.***

## Membership Rules

1. It is essential that all members conduct themselves in a civilised manner whilst representing the club.
2. Kit will be provided to all players, which will be worn to all home and away games as instructed by the team manager or his representative.
3. Punctuality for all match meeting times must be adhered to unless there has been prior contact to advise otherwise.
4. No foul or abusive language will be tolerated either on or off the field.
5. Whilst representing the club, a high degree of sportsmanship will be required and any form of dissent will not be tolerated.
6. All players will be expected to support club functions.
7. All players should strive to the building of good team spirit by encouraging colleagues to achieve higher levels of performance BUT not to discourage at any time.
8. Players will be expected to attend training sessions on a regular basis.
9. Priority must be given to playing and training for Horsham YMCA unless selected for school events or as otherwise sanctioned by your team manager.

10. It is the responsibility of each player to ensure he has clean football boots and good quality shin pads.

9. Coaches and managers must ensure that the activities they direct, or advocate, are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES AND MANAGERS**

2. All coaches and managers must abide by the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct of Horsham YMCA Sports and Social Club.

3. Coaches and managers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.

4. Coaches and managers must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.

5. Coaches and managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies

6. Coaches and managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player, based on mutual trust and respect.

7. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.

8. Coaches and managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.

8. Coaches and managers should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.

9. Coaches and managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (eg. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.

10. Coaches and managers must always promote the positive aspects of the sports (eg. fair play) and never condone violations of the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.

11. Coaches and managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.

12. Coaches and managers must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

14. Coaches and managers are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of all individuals playing for or assisting with teams under their control.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**

1. Horsham YMCA Youth Football Club disciplinary process shall be in line with that within the present Football Club's Domestic Policy Rules at any given time. All players are subject to the code of conduct and laws of behaviour exacted by the Football Association.
2. OFFENCES
  - a) Violent Conduct

In cases of violent conduct, a Club sub-committee consisting of the Youth Club chairman, team manager and one witness (player or otherwise) to the incident in question will review whatever additional action should be taken by the Club.
  - b) Other Offences

Offences such as foul and abusive language, dissent and ungentlemanly conduct will be dealt with by a sub-committee consisting of a committee member, the team manager and one witness (player or otherwise) to the incident in

question and will review whatever additional action should be taken by the Club.

### **OFFENCES COMMITTED UNDER 2(a) WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THE OCCURRENCE.**

3. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any member has the right to formally appeal to the committee against a decision directed against them. Any appeal must be made within seven days of notification of the committee's decision.
4. PENALTIES

The following penalties may result:

Under 11:	Suspension only
Under 16:	Suspension and / or financial penalty
Under 18:	Suspension and / or possible financial penalty in excess of FA punishment

Each case will be considered on its merit – see (2) above.

The committee reserves the right to withdraw privileges or terminate the membership of any individual considered to have been acting detrimentally to the Club's interests.
5. RECORDING

All disciplinary actions will be recorded and minuted with copies supplied to the club chairman and club manager.

6. MANAGERS

Managers will report all red/yellow card offenders at the monthly committee meetings.