

Play your part and support the Goals Code of Respect

## On and off the pitch, I will:

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public (including children) in mind.
- Avoid criticising match officials; accept that they make honest decisions and confronting them will not change it.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based on their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality and be mindful and respectful of a persons personal identity under the Equality Act 2010. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the club or pitch, including a suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the pitch or club, suspension and possible police action.
- Always win, lose or draw with dignity, and be prepared to shake hands with match officials, and opposition at full-time.
- Whilst waiting to access my pitch at the allocated time, I will be mindful of children having a kickabout.
- Always aim to express my views in a respectful manner recognising that lobbying/protesting is prohibited at Goals.
- Report to the club management any incidences where I feel the code of respect is not being upheld.

## I understand if I do not follow the code, I may expect to:

- Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be asked to apologise to whoever I have offended or abused.
- Be disciplined by the management team at Goals, including being given a formal warning or suspension depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be handed a permanent exclusion by the Goals club if the offence is deemed serious enough.
- Be reported to the police in the event of a suspected hate crime.

