



Respect

When the 2008/2009 season kicked off at Wembley in August with the Charity Shield match we also saw the start of a major initiative by the FA - The Respect Campaign. Why Respect?

The campaign aims to stop the mass exodus of referees from football due to abuse. The game lost 7,000 referees last year - if this continues the result is fairly obvious - no match officials and no game!

What is Respect?

It is a continuous FA programme, not a one-off. It includes four practical steps to improve behaviour both on and off the pitch. Briefly these are:

Codes of Conduct for all participants

(Players, Spectators/Parents, Managers and Coaches, Match Officials).

The Club already has its own Code of Practice in place and everyone signed up to it when they signed on at the beginning of the season - the Respect Codes are similar and enhance the Code we already maintain.

Designated Spectator's Area.

The use of barriers to keep parents and spectators away from the edge of the pitch. *The Club has bought five sets of FA Respect barriers for use at St.Peter's initially and if successful then more will be bought to use at King George's/High School. Until these arrive then please take heed of the cones which managers put out for each game and stand behind them.*

Captain taking responsibility.

Referees want to hear only from Captains not from other players during a match. *This practice is to be encouraged and developed and is not necessarily expected at younger age groups.*

Referees to be coached/developed in their own match management skills so that problems are addressed before they escalate.

How will Respect work?

The Leagues which our teams play in have all signed up to the Campaign. Information packs have been issued to all Team Managers which include a guide book and details of all the Codes of Practice. These will be on display in Poster format at St. Peter's Clubhouse.

On 1 January 2009 the Campaign takes effect at Mini soccer and Youth levels (having been in place in the adult game since August). There will be serious consequences for Clubs if there are breaches of the codes by anyone (players, managers, spectators) representing a Club. This may include fines, suspensions and ultimately a Club being excluded



U10 Cobra's Manager David Hughes with Referee Joel Hodson, Captain Jack Gilpin and Parent Mike Carroll

Supporting the *Respect* campaign



How can you help?

Take time to read the codes of conduct - both the existing Club Code and the new FA Respect Codes. If you want to see a copy then ask your Team Manager. Alternatively you can see them online at www.TheFA.com/respect.

Adopt the type of behaviour promoted - e.g. respect match officials, players, opponents, opponents supporters. Don't shout abuse at the referee or question his/her decisions. Let's face it - when did you last see a referee change their mind and disallow a free kick award just because someone shouted at them?

Let's help stop the loss of Referees - it is shameful that so many have felt forced to leave the game due to the amount of abuse they have received from players, managers and spectators. Without them there can be no football.

Lose Respect, Lose the Game.

See full code of conduct on the notice board at St Peters clubhouse or our website

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Respect Code of Conduct Spectators and parents

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided).
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success game.

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Remember that children play for fun.
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and/or The FA.

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Respect Code of Conduct Coaches, team managers and club officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over contact by parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The FA's Respect programme is aimed at tackling unacceptable behaviour across the whole game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.

Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate, any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the player's ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (eg. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

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Respect Code of Conduct Youth players

It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger.
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager.
- Do what the referee tells me.
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents, or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken.

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Important Notice

St.Peter's Fields car parking

Due to problems with congestion in the 'church' car park and overspill on to the lane, particularly when visiting teams arrive for 11.00am kick-offs, we have acquired the use of the St.Peter's School car park (entrance is by the first gate on the right when enter St.Peter's Church Lane).

It would be a great help if, instead of parking in the 'church' car park, Spa family cars could use the school car park which would then leave more room for our visitors. If it should fill up (it holds about 25/30 cars) then you can park as usual. If you already park elsewhere please continue to do that. Your help would be much appreciated.

Frank Holliday



Droitwich Lions, Wildcats and England International Laura Bassett at the Worcestershire Girls Football Festival.

Girls Football

2008 Worcestershire Female Football Festival

Our girls produced fantastic performances in the Worcestershire Female Football Festival held at Perdiswell in June. The U12 Droitwich Lions reached the final but went down 1-0 to Worcester City in a very entertaining game. The U11 tournament saw Droitwich Terriers reached the semi-final before losing 2-0 to eventual winners West Hagley. The impressive Droitwich Wildcats won the U10 event beating Redditch Utd 1-0 in the final and managed to go the whole tournament without conceding a goal. The newly formed U9 Leopards also competed in the U10 section and surprised everyone by reaching the semi-final despite having to play against older girls.

2008 Midlands Futsal Tournament

Droitwich Spa Girls were delighted to be chosen to represent Worcestershire in the first ever Midlands Futsal Festival held in November at Shrewsbury. Futsal is an indoor five-a-side version of the game played with a smaller but heavier football. The girls, consisting of players from the Terriers and Wildcats, played brilliantly despite having only played the game once before. The team lost only one of their four games and missed out on the runners up spot by the smallest of margins.

Year 3 & 4 Girls

Girls football continues to prosper in the club and we are now looking to set up a new U10 team for next season. The club is looking to recruit girls that are currently in school years 3 and 4. For more information please contact Duncan Howells on 01905 770548.

Visit to s.v. Arzbach, Germany

Visit to s.v. Arzbach, Germany
Open to Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 Squads

We are still planning to visit Arzbach again this year, May 26th - 1st June, for a football and fun weekend. Our friends in Arzbach need to know fairly soon how many are visiting to organise hosting and the football tournaments. If you, or a group of players in your squad, are interested please let your manager know or contact me. We will then organise a presentation for players and parents to give full details and options.
Frank Holliday Tel. 775474

CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

I would like to introduce myself as the Club's Child Welfare Officer.

The main purpose of my position is to promote fun, safe environments for children to play football. My key functions are to ensure that the F.A. Policies and Procedures are in place and are adhered to as well as promoting and helping to develop best practice throughout our Club.

Most children and young people have a fantastic experience through football, but sadly, some don't, and therefore I am also responsible for dealing with any cases of poor practice or incidences that may unfortunately take place within our Club.

As the Child Welfare Officer, I am the first point of contact for all Club members, parent/carers and young persons regarding any concerns. I am here to support you.

You can contact me at any time on 07973 442354 or via email adr.express@virgin.net All concerns are confidential and are handled with the full support of the Worcestershire County Football Association.

Please remember to encourage the children's teams to recognise and acknowledge good and fair play, demonstrate a positive attitude and to resist inappropriate behaviour on or off the pitch.

Beccy Ricketts

It's Coming Home

Droitwich Spa Boys & Girls F.C. presentation day returns to Droitwich this year on Saturday 9th May at Droitwich Spa High School. It will also be in a new format with four presentation sessions in the school theatre.

The provisional programme is as follows:-

Under 6's, 7's, and 8's

- Doors open 1.30 pm
- Theatre presentation 2.00 pm start
2.45 pm finish
- Fun Busters 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(Dining area)

Under 9's 10's, and 11's

- Doors open 3.00 pm
- Theatre presentation 3.30 pm start
4.45 pm finish
- Fun Busters 5.00 - 6.00 pm
(Dining area)

Under 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's and 15's Girls squads

- Doors open 5.30 pm
- Theatre presentation 6.00 pm start
7.00pm finish

Under 12's, 13's and 14's

- Doors open 7.00 pm
- Theatre presentation 7.30 pm
8.30 pm finish

Please put the date in your diaries now!

Win at last!

Conkers Vs. Kempsey Colts

It was December the 14th Sunday lunchtime and I was thinking about our chances of winning our first match. Playing 11 a side had been a big change for our squad, but it would be nice to get a win before Christmas.

I went upstairs to put my kit on and felt my nerves start to get to me.

When we first arrived at Kempsey not many of the team were there, eventually they started to arrive. We started to warm up the other team were also warming up. We had a team talk and then everyone went on to the pitch.

In our positions the referee blew the whistle and we all ran forward. We were playing the ball comfortably in the half and creating chances, and then Jay Kilminster played a through ball to our speed man Denzel who scrambled the ball in to the net. Kempsey had a few good chances but our amazing goalkeeper Charlie Jones kept the strikers out. Eventually they hit the target and it was 1-1, at half time.

In the second half Kempsey had some good breaks but our good defence and Charlie kept the balls out of the net.

After some dodgy tackling the Referee gave Kempsey a Penalty and I prayed it would not go in and it was blasted wide.

We then had a blast from our midfielder Scott Mclean and we were 2-1 up. It was an anxious last few minutes but the referee blew his whistle and Conkers had won their first match of the season. We all felt so pleased and relieved.

Since this win we have won our cup game and are in the semi final!! "Come on you Conkers"

By James May U12s Conkers

Droitwich Spa Boys and Girls Football Club would like to thank all the sponsors for their support

Results For The League Up To and Including 11th January 2009

Team	Sponsor	P	W	D	L	PTS	Position
U9 Rockets	DSI Property Contractors	8	6	1	1	13	2
U10 Rhino's	Carl Douglas Contracts	11	2	0	9	4	9
U10 Leopards	Hall Bros	9	3	3	3	9	3
U11 Falcons	R&G Surfacing & Development Ltd	10	2	1	7	5	10
U11 Hawks	Ormerod Rutter & E.R. Coley Ltd	7	2	1	4	5	8
U11 Ravens	QMP / Ballard Syree Dale & Watson / Droitwich Saab Garage	9	6	0	3	12	3
U11 Wildcats	Brammer	7	6	0	1	12	2
U12 Conkers	ADR Express	10	1	0	9	3	9
U12 Terriers	Growers Direct	7	2	0	5	4	6
U13 Aztecs	Capex Industrial Finance	9	4	2	3	15	7
U13 Lions	Spa Decorators	10	6	2	2	20	4
U14 Saints	Gaudet Luce	10	5	2	3	17	4
U14 Dons	Levines Furniture	10	4	2	4	14	3
U15 Devils	Kandahar (St.Andrews shopping centre)	8	0	1	7	1	5

Results For The Stourport League Up To and Including 11th January 2009

Team	Sponsor	P	W	D	L	PTS	Position
U10 Cobras	The Bull (Fernhill Heath)	13	6	0	7	18	8
U10 Foxes	LFJ Building Contractors	11	8	2	1	26	3
U12 Arrows	MB Solvency & Valan Wax	10	3	2	5	11	7
U14 Dragons	Bournville Constructions	6	1	2	3	5	9

Results For The Ambassador League Up To and Including 11th January 2009

Team	Sponsor	P	W	D	L	PTS	Position
U9 Stingrays	Queens Fish Bar	5	2	1	2	7	3

Ambassador league and development squads

Team	Sponsor
U8 Panthers	Regal Executive Homes
U8 Pumas	Tonks & Firkin
U6 Development	PPLD Ltd
U7 Development	E H Smith



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Nick Sankey with the
U8 Puma's

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Mark Duggan & Natham Williams with the
U9 Stingray's

New sponsor
Regal Executive Homes
Picture, Damien Siviter, Panther's Manager
Rob Heywood with the
U8 Panther's

The information for this newsletter was supplied by the Management Committee.

All ideas, articles and news would be welcome for the next edition of the newsletter planned for April 2009.

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