

Ware Lions F.C.



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We want to ensure that the players who represent Ware Lions enjoy their time with the club. It is essential to promote fair play and positive attitudes and we have published a Code of Conduct which must be followed by players, parents and coaches.

Players

As a player, you have a big part to play. **When playing football, I will:**

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA. I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

Parents/ Carers and Spectators

Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times. **I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Always show respect to the coaches and club committee members
- Ensure my child arrives on time for training, matches and club events
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Ensure I keep payment of subscriptions for training and matches up to date

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA. I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

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 and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- 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 wellbeing, 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 all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or 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 players' ability level, age and maturity
- Cooperate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches or required to leave the club.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA

General Information

- **Club policies.** Players, parents/ carers, coaches, team managers and club officials are required to abide by the club policies at all times- details and copies of club policies can be found at www.warelions.co.uk
- Children must attend training in the **proper clothing** including shin pads
- Children must **respect facilities** and equipment they use- including trees!
- Parents are to notify coaching staff of any **conditions/illness** that may affect the player's performance during training or matches
- **Insurance.** The club pays public liability insurance premiums to the Hertfordshire Football Association. However parents & guardians are encouraged to make arrangements for other insurance cover if they believe it is necessary. We would also take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that if you are taking other players in your car that you must check your motor insurance to ensure that this is permitted under your policy and you have appropriate cover in place