

# WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS AND OFFICIALS

We want your player's time with Wootton Bassett Town Football Club to be a successful one, but more importantly a time and place where they will be able to come along and be part of a friendly group learning about the game of football.

We want your child to develop, not only as players, but also as individuals.

Of course, in order to help your child develop, we need the co-operation of not just the player but also the parent.

We have developed a Code of Conduct which is to be read with both players and parents present. We expect the Code of Conduct to be signed up to by players, parents and ourselves so that we know what is expected of each other.

All players and parents should also take time to read the [club's Ethos statement](#), which can be found on the club's website: [www.wbtfc.co.uk](http://www.wbtfc.co.uk), under the Development heading:

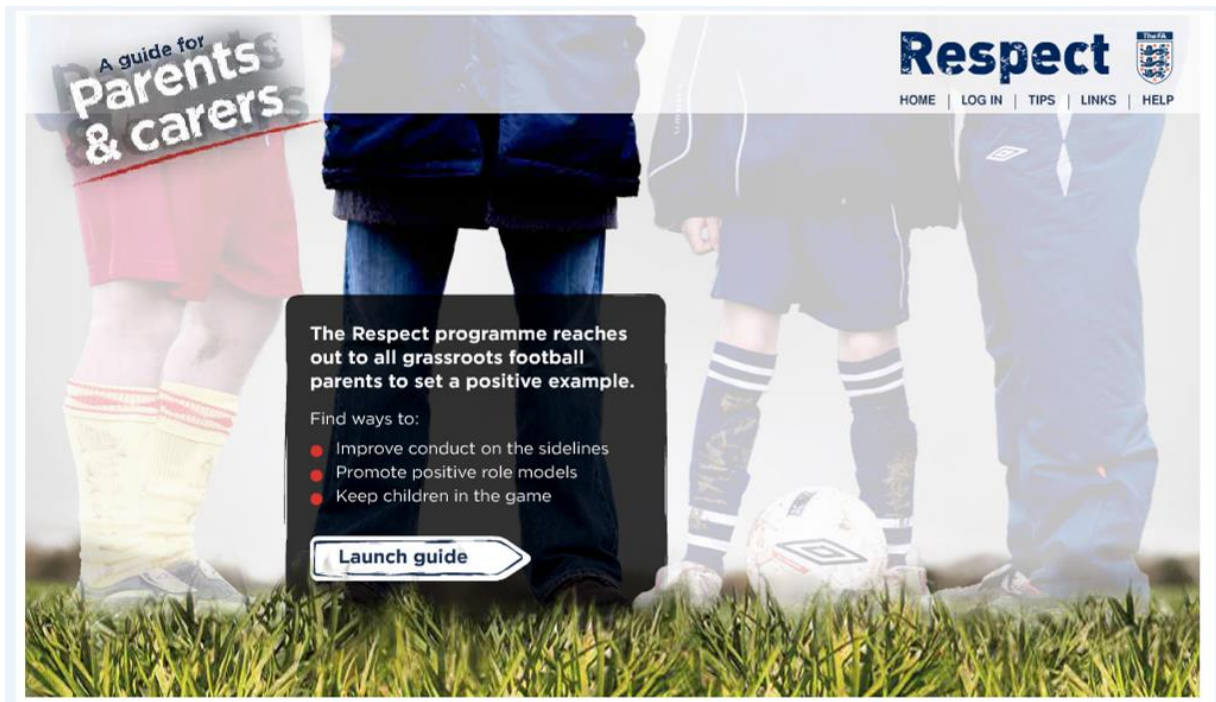


The screenshot shows the website for Wootton Bassett Town Football Club. The header includes the club's name and 'Season 2014/15'. A navigation menu lists sections: Senior Section, Youth Section, Ladies Section, Club History, Club Events, Development, and Contact Us. The 'Development' section is highlighted and contains links for Club Ethos, Coaching Philosophy, Coach's Corner, Disability Football, and Recruitment. The main content area features news articles such as 'Derby stalemate does Bassett no big favours' and 'Holland Tour Itinerary', along with links to 'Free Saturday Skills Sessions Suspended', 'WBTFC Players and Parents Survey', 'WBSA General Manager', 'Relocation time lapse video', 'Robbo runs riot as Bassett roll past Reading', and 'Drylining work at new facility'. A 'Trusted Partner' logo for 's Right' is also visible.

Players and parents are also reminded that the football club is a Charter Standard Community Club.

This means that the club also follow directives from the Football Association. Players and parents are asked to visit the the FA website and view their 'Respect Code of Conduct' and also to use the section 'A Guide for Parents and Carers' which provides scenes and commentary concerning behaviors at a youth football match.

The FA website can be found at: [www.thefa.com/my-football/player/respect](http://www.thefa.com/my-football/player/respect)



Click on the 'Parents' link to find the 'A Guide for Parents and Carers' and follow the guide through Joe's experience at his football match.



# Code of Conduct

## 1. Club Officials

We will respect players and parents, ensure we are punctual for training and matches, be honest, promote good sportsmanship and be responsible for your child when with us.

## 2. Parents

**Discipline** - As parents ourselves, we are only too aware of wanting our children to do well and to encourage them in what they are doing. However, please be aware that during matches, the players have been advised only to listen to the tactical observations from coaching staff. Children can become confused when they receive calls from people on the side lines advising them of how they should be playing and not knowing how to react to sometimes conflicting advice.

Parents are asked not shout instructions across the pitch.

We don't want good encouragement to stop. In fact, good, positive encouragement of **both** teams is welcomed.

**Match Officials** - We ask all players and parents not to show any kind of dissent to any decision made by the referee. The referee is supported by Club Linesmen to help make decisions. Please show respect for those people, from both sides, who volunteer for this job.

Players showing dissent to the referee will be substituted.

Parents should be aware that Wootton Bassett Town Football Club take a strong view on parental side-line behaviour and has developed a Policy for dealing with this, which can ultimately lead to exclusion of the Parent from training sessions and matches.

In general, this Policy is:

- For a first offence, a reminder of this Code of Conduct concerning parental side-line behaviour will be given from the team manager.
- A second offence will result in escalation to the Youth Section Management Committee. The Parent will be asked to complete the FA Respect 'A Guide for Parent and Carers' and produce the certificate confirming completion of the course. Attendance of training sessions and matches may be suspended until the certificate is produced.

- A third offence will lead to exclusion from training sessions and matches for a time period to be determined by the Youth Section Management Committee.

### **General Observations**

Arrive on time and collect on time

Don't pressure the players - always encourage

Do not swear or be abusive

Ensure suitable clothing is provided at all times of the season

### **3. Players**

**Discipline** :     **a/ Training**   We realise that football training should be considered as a fun/social activity. However, we do regularly have instances when players continue talking or are disruptive after they have been asked to stop. We expect players to have a positive attitude at training and be ready to begin activities when asked to.

**Players who continue disruptive behaviour will be asked to sit out of the activity until called in by coaching staff.**

#### **b/ Matches**

**Teammates**   -       All the players in squad should be treated with equal amounts of respect. All players should speak to coaching staff to help resolve any differences that may occur.

**Clothing**   -       Appropriate clothing should be brought to each training session and match. This includes shin pads which must be worn on all occasions.

**Any player without shin pads will not be allowed to participate during that session.**

### **General Observations**

Shake hand with opponents after games

Do not wear jewellery

Do not chew gum, swear or fight

**Team Captain** -       The team captain is the 'manager's voice' on the field. The players should respond to the captain's commands as if they were from the manager himself.

Players should be aware that the role of captain is much more than choosing ends at the beginning of the match. We expect all players to listen and act on the command of the captain.

I agree to abide to the Code of Conduct set out above.

Player's Signature:.....

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct set out above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:.....

Signature:

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct set out above.

Coach's Signature:.....