



Egerton Football Club – Code of Conduct

For Players, Parents, Coaches, Volunteers, and Supporters

Committed to Participation, Development, and Fun for All

1. Purpose

This Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviours of everyone involved with Egerton FC, across the club's boys' and girls' sections. It is grounded in respect, safety, and inclusion and ensures a positive footballing environment where every player, coach, parent, and volunteer feel valued and protected.

2. Our Behaviour Principles

At Egerton FC, we all agree to:

1. Show Respect

- Treat everyone – players, coaches, officials, and spectators – with dignity and kindness.
- Use constructive, appropriate language always.
- Accept the decisions of referees, managers, and club officials without aggression or public disagreement.

2. Support Player Development

- Prioritise development, effort, and enjoyment over results.
- Encourage players positively, regardless of ability or experience.
- Understand that sessions may include team-specific elements to aid progression while upholding inclusion over time.

3. Act Appropriately at Training and Matches

- Allow coaches and parent-managers to coach.
- Avoid public disagreements, confrontations, or making accusations in front of others.
- If you disagree with something, speak privately, respectfully, and at the appropriate time.

4. Raise Concerns the Right Way

If you feel something is wrong, please follow this process:

1. **Pause and reflect** – avoid addressing it emotionally or publicly.
2. **Raise it privately** – speak to the relevant coach, team lead, or age group coordinator.
3. **Escalate formally** – contact the Girls' or Boys' Lead, Club Welfare Officer, or Club Committee if unresolved.

Creating a scene or making unsubstantiated claims in front of players or parents is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action.

3. Our Expectations by Role

For Coaches & Volunteers

- Be inclusive and encouraging with all players.
- Set a positive example through calm, respectful conduct.
- Deliver development-led sessions that balance inclusivity and challenge.



For Parents & Spectators

- Support all players with encouragement, not criticism.
- Trust the coaches' process. Do not undermine or interrupt sessions.
- Avoid creating division or attempting to influence team selections or tactical decisions.
- If you witness issues, raise them through the correct channel, never in public.

For Players

- Try your best, support your teammates, and show sportsmanship to opponents.
- Respect your coaches, referees, and the facilities we use.
- Play for the team, not just yourself — football at Egerton is about growing together.

4. Misconduct & Consequences

If behaviour does not meet this Code, the club may take action, including:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Removal from matches or training
- Suspension or termination of membership
- Referral to the County FA for serious breaches

5. Final Statement

Egerton FC thrives because its volunteers, coaches, parents, and players work together. We will not tolerate behaviour that undermines this culture. Every voice matters, but how we speak and when is just as important as what we say.

Acknowledgment

By joining Egerton FC, I agree to uphold the values and behaviours in this Code of Conduct.

Name: _____

Role (e.g., Player, Parent, Coach): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____