

ARE YOU ONSIDE?

(insert name of club) supports the Football Association of Wales “Behind the Line, Behind the Team” Campaign, which aims to improve behaviours in junior and youth football in Wales. We all have a responsibility to ensure that everyone involved in football finds it to be a fun, safe and positive experience.

As coaches and volunteers, you have a great opportunity to be a positive role model and help build a child’s confidence. Please show your support for your team and club by reading and agreeing to the FAW Code of Conduct. By signing the below declaration you are demonstrating your understanding and willingness to abide by the following:

- Show exemplary behaviour by respecting match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators
- Treat all players equally by supporting and motivating all players
- Give all players, whatever their ability, the chance to play
- Accept that striving to win is more important than winning itself
- Always pursue fair play – adhere to the laws and the spirit of the game
- Encourage players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour
- Never to engage or tolerate any form of bullying
- Never abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power
- Display high standards, behave responsibly and never engage in or tolerate the use of foul, abusive, insulting or inappropriate words, behaviour or gestures

- Get Behind the Line and not enter the field of play without prior permission from referee
- Ensure the enjoyment, safety and welfare of a child under my supervision is considered paramount at all times
- Record any allegations, accidents or incidents and refer to designated person
- Organise activities appropriate to the players’ability level, age and maturity
- Appreciate all efforts and not to over-train the players
- Ensure that coaching sessions are fun, well-structured and focus on developing skill, decision – making and understanding of the game
- Respect and listen to the opinions of children
- Refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol during club activities or training sessions
- Be aware of the FAW Safeguarding Policy, Procedures & Practices and observe the responsibilities involved, including the FAW Communication guidelines
- Not to make inappropriate comments about another player, coach, official, spectator or volunteer on any website or social networking site which may bring the game into disrepute.

Any breaches or concerns will be dealt with by action being taken against you by either the club, Area Association or the Football Association of Wales including:

- Summoned to a meeting with a Club, League or Area Safeguarding Officer or Club Committee
- Monitored by the league or another club
- Requested to attend appropriate FAW training
- Suspended from attending matches
- Required to leave the club
- Subjected to a fine and/or suspension on the club imposed by the FAW, including the withdrawal of coaching qualifications.

Name: _____

Name of Club: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign this form and return to your Club Safeguarding Officer. Please also retain a copy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.