



BUNTINGFORD TOWN FC PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree to act in a responsible way at Buntingford Town FC (BTFC) matches, training and social events and recognise that my behaviour, be it verbal, physical or by any other means (including social networking websites), is to be such that it will not reflect badly on BTFC

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the Match Officials decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public (including children) in mind.
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. *Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action*
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. *Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action*
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember that we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game.

Availability

I will let my manager know if I am unavailable for training or a match at least five days before.

I understand that I am expected to be available for all training sessions and all matches.

The Club recognises that work and family commitments may cause problems with availability but asks that ALL players make every effort to attend training and matches.

Training and Matches

I will arrive at training at least five minutes before the session starts so that I am ready to start when the session begins.

If selected for a game I will ensure that I arrive at the agreed meeting place at the agreed time. If I am delayed I will inform my manager/coach immediately it becomes obvious that I will be unable to make the designated meeting time.

If not selected for a fixture, or if unavailable due to injury, I will make every effort to support my team mates as a spectator.

Off the field

After a match, regardless of the result, I will make an effort to socialise with my team-mates by staying for at least one drink at the bar and attending team socials!

I will make myself available to support the fundraising efforts of the Club when asked.

I will return all kit that belongs to BTFC after matches or should I leave the club.

I will pay my subs of £140 and any fines that are issued to me, by either The Club or The League, promptly and in full.

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Fines

I recognise that, as a player, I am required to pay all fines within 21 days of the invoice date and that failure to do so may result in me being suspended from all football activities by the club.

Notes:

- *Fines issued to players by the Herts FA (eg for red/yellow cards) will be initially paid for by the club. Members will then be invoiced for any monies paid by the club.*
- *Any member receiving a red or yellow card because of a 'Respect' charge (ie one 'showing dissent by word or action, or using offensive, insulting or abusive language') will be fined an additional sum, starting at £5 for the first offence, and incrementing by £5 for every subsequent offence. This is in order to discourage such behaviour and also in order to offset club fines that may be imposed by the Herts FA. Full details can be found on the following document: <http://www.buntingfordtownfc.com/docs/FARespectSanctions.pdf>*
- *The club reserves the right to impose fines of no more than £25 on any member who falls foul of club rules.*

Condition

I agree to be in a good mental and physical condition for BTFC activities and understand that if my manager deems that I am under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs I will not be allowed to partake in any activity.

Medical Conditions

I agree to let my Manager/Coach know the details of any medical conditions I may have and, if I may require medication to be administered by them should an emergency arise, that it will be clearly labelled with my name and instructions for use.

Notes:

Players under the age of eighteen years will need to supply written parental consent for such medication to be administered.

Insurance

I recognise that BTFC has purchased Personal Accident Insurance for all registered players and that this policy exceeds the minimum requirements specified by the Herts FA. I will, however, confirm that it meets my individual needs, and if it does not, take out alternative personal insurance in case of injury.

Initiatives

I agree to support initiatives of BTFC and the FA, for example, the 'Respect' programme.

Contact Information

I agree to accurately inform the Club Secretary via email (sec@buntingfordtownfc.com) of any changes to my contact information.

Welfare/Safeguarding:

I recognise that both the club and I have a responsibility for the welfare and safeguarding of my team mates and those involved in football at BTFC and agree that, should I become concerned either for my own welfare or that of someone else at The Club, I will report that to the Club Welfare Officer (Jackie Cotton), a member of the Management Team or a member of The Club's Committee

Players Signature: _____ **Date:** _____