



ECFC Academy Fair Play Policy

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1.0 Overview

- 1.1. ECFC Academy ('The Academy'), expects both players and parents/carers to adhere to the fair play policy.
- 1.2. This is a whole Club ethos, demonstrated at 1st team level, winning the **FA Fair Play Trophy** in consecutive seasons (2013/14 & 2014/15) as well as the PFA's Bobby Moore Trophy in 2014.
- 1.3. This provides a great example & inspiration for Academy players to follow & offers great opportunity to reinforce fair play values.
- 1.4. The Academy's aim is to develop well-rounded young people who have special talents in playing football & respect The Game. This approach is endorsed through visual messages in changing rooms or in discussions with the coaches in games, training sessions and classroom work.
- 1.5. Players and parents/carers are encouraged to not focus on winning games within Foundation and Youth Development Phases; as the early and intermediate years are built on developing & maximising individual potential in performance.
- 1.6. The Academy wants players to be competitive, play the game in a fair manner and not deploy tactics such as time wasting or assimilation in an attempt to influence officials.
- 1.7. Further, players, parents/carers & other spectators are required to accept decisions; and show respect towards officials & opponents at all times.
- 1.8. Similarly, ECFC Academy players are expected to show a positive attitude not only to opposition players but also to teammates; respecting them, their property and facilities they come across both in training and games.
- 1.9. With this regard: Players, parents/carers and The Academy sign a 'Tri-partite' Agreement, committing to the values and acceptable behaviours that regulate and characterise The Club & Academy.

2.0 Further Information

- 2.1. Tri-partite' agreements are held in secure individual Age Group files in the Academy office and in The EFL Youth Development Department, along with signed registration documents. Parents are also provided with copies of each.
- 2.2. Access to files is by written request and cannot be removed (or copies thereof) from the office and must ONLY be available to the parent or authorised carer of the Player.
- 2.3. An additional 'Fair Play' narrative is available from the Academy office, which is accessed by Authorised representative and inspectors, for the purposes of Audit.