



# **Blackburn NewHope FC**

## **Referee Code of Conduct**

### **Unite, Commit, Enjoy**

#### **Children play for Fun and Enjoyment**

Parents, coaches, managers and officials all play a vital role in the development of our club and the lives of players. Our club is committed to Christian principles and values. We must all work to ensure that everyone has a positive experience that will last long after they leave the club.

- ⚽ Make player safety the first priority of any game.
- ⚽ Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match.
- ⚽ Honour any commitments unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.
- ⚽ Ensure that the "spirit of the game" is not lost by over pedantic interpretations of the laws. Allow the game to flow.
- ⚽ Conduct yourself honourably at all times and maintain the dignity of the position. Do not socialize with the coaches, players, or fans immediately before, during, or after the game.
- ⚽ Explain the rules and calls where appropriate to players
- ⚽ Be courteous and considerate, address all players by their number and coaches by their title: "Coach", "Sir" etc
- ⚽ Study the laws of the game and be aware of all changes. Be willing to learn from more senior referees.
- ⚽ Do not make statements about the game except to clarify a rule interpretation during and/or after the game. Maintain your "cool" with irate coaches, do not argue.
- ⚽ Do not tolerate inappropriate language or behaviour from players, coaches and officials.
- ⚽ The coach and team managers are also to be held responsible for the conduct of parents and spectators.

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