

Stanway Villa FC



CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

General

1. Our aim at Stanway Villa FC is to provide association football for all children and arrange such social and recreational events as may be deemed desirable.
2. We will play football within the laws of the game and any competition rules. We will know and abide by any rules, respecting these rules and the spirit of the game. We will accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally.

Players

1. Players should make every effort to attend training sessions. Failure to do so could affect team selections.
2. On training days, all players must report to the training venue no later than 5 minutes before the start of the session.
3. Player's football boots and trainers should be clean for every match.
4. Shin pads must be worn at all times during both training and matches.
5. On match days, all players must present themselves in smart, appropriate kit and arrive at the venue at the time given by the manager.
6. If you are unavailable for selection, due to other commitments that coincide with any match arranged, you must advise your manager with as much advanced notice as possible.
7. Players will show due respect towards match officials and accept their decisions without protest.
8. Swearing, spitting and/or insulting behaviour directed at own players, opponents, team officials, match officials and supporters, whilst at training or matches will be actively discouraged by Stanway Villa Football Club and will not be tolerated. Any contravention may result in an individual fine, a team fine and/or possible individual or club suspension.

9. To avoid the possibility of personal injury and/or loss of property, jewellery must not be worn at training or matches.
10. To avoid the possible dangers of choking, chewing gum or eating while training or during matches is not permitted.
11. Players will resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
12. Every player will give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his/her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved. They will set a positive example for others and will avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time wasting.

Parents/Carers

1. Parents, family, friends and all supporters of the team are welcome at every match. They should conduct themselves and remind others, to behave in a sporting manner at all times, before, during and after each match. The Club could be fined for inappropriate behaviour.
2. Players/parents shall be responsible for the team kit provided. Shirts, shorts, socks and tracksuits etc. must be looked after appropriately and washed carefully. Team kit items are only to be worn when the player is representing Stanway Villa FC. Any damage or loss not occasioned during a match will result in repair or replacement costs.
3. If any player/parent or supporter involved with Stanway Villa FC experiences a problem with the referee, other players, officials or supporters from the opposition, they must at the first opportunity, advise the manager of the team or another Club Official. They should allow this club representative to deal with the situation and not get involved themselves.
4. Injuries should always be reported to the manager. The manager, parent and player will discuss the injury and the player will only compete if the manager is satisfied that the player is fit enough to participate. The long-term welfare and well being of the player will always take priority.
5. Any yellow or red cards received and/or any fines imposed on any player by the League or County FA will be the responsibility of the player/parent involved.
6. In accordance with League Rules only the manager and/or coach is able to coach from the sidelines during a match. Positive support and encouragement from all supporters is always welcomed, but please refrain from coaching.
7. Wherever possible please help and support with any fundraising activities arranged for the benefit of your team or Stanway Villa FC.

Coaches/Managers

1. Coaches/Managers must respect the rights' dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches/Managers must place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches/Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and the Rules of The Football Association.
4. Coaches/Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches/Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches/Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches/Managers must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate is appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches/Managers should, at the outset, clarify with the player (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches/Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches/Managers must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) to players, parents and spectators alike. Never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, violence of any kind or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches/Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and experience and be a role model for players, parents and spectators.

**This Code of Conduct was ratified by the
Stanway Villa Football Club Management Committee
on Monday 1st March 2004 – Revised 20 March 2006.**