

Code of Conducts

Welcome to The Centre of Excellence Programme and congratulations on being involved in the Football Association Talent Development Plan for female youth football.

The following Code of Conduct has been developed to assist with the smooth running of the centre and the health, safety and protection of the coaches, volunteers, parents, guardians and players. Please read the code of conducts carefully before signing the agreement.

In registering the player at the Sheffield United Centre of Excellence, the club, the parent/guardian and the student agree to the following code of conduct.

Sheffield United Girl's Centre of Excellence agrees to ensure:

1. All staff shall comply with the laws of the game, the rules of The Football Association, the rules of any competition which they participate in. They shall not encourage or invite any person including players and officials of the clubs to act in breach of the game but shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that they comply with them.
2. All staff shall use their best endeavours to ensure that they undertake at Sheffield United Girl's Centre of Excellence a fair and effective disciplinary policy applicable to players and other persons under their control and that it is applied consistently.
3. All staff shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that players and other persons under their control accept and observe the authority and decisions of all officials.
4. All staff shall take all possible steps to promote the reputation of Association Football for women and to prevent it being brought into disrepute.
5. They must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and their ultimate right to be treated equitably and sensitively within the context of their activity and ability regardless of gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation.
6. All staff must place the well being and safety of their players above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
7. All staff must co-operate fully with other specialists e.g. officials, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists in the best interest of the players.



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8. Coaches and volunteers will not transport players to and from training, without parents/guardians being present.
9. Only female staff shall be allowed into the changing area while players are in a state of undress.
10. No coach shall embark in one to one discussion with an individual player unless in full view of other coaches and/or players.
11. No staff member shall enter into a personal relationship with a player.
12. All staff must never advocate or condone the use of prohibited drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
13. No member of staff shall approach any players with the view to them joining the junior club where they work or on behalf of other junior clubs.
14. All staff will agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct will lead to instant dismissal.

Players agree to:

1. Arrive promptly for training and fixtures.
2. Dress appropriately for training and match fixtures (including shin pads) at all times. (taking into consideration the playing surface)
3. Remove all jewellery prior to training and fixtures for their own health and safety.
4. Report all injuries sustained either at the Centre of Excellence, club, school etc to the Centre Director or Centre Physiotherapist and record the injury in the individual's player log book.
5. Complete their log book weekly and bring it to all training sessions.
6. Follow a lifestyle appropriate to development – spending leisure time positively, eating, drinking, relaxing and sleeping sensibly.
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Parents/Carers agree to:

1. Be responsible for ensuring their child arrives and is collected promptly (if a child is unable to attend the centre for any reason or is going to be late or collected late, then the Administration Officers must be informed. Please use the centre number found on the front of this handbook).
2. Inform the Administration Officers in advance if the designated parent/carer cannot collect a child.
3. Set a good example to the student.
4. Always promote fair play and never condone violations of the laws of the game.
5. Support the student without pressure, praise effort as well as performance.
6. Recognise that the student's involvement in football is primarily for her enjoyment.
7. It is the responsibility of players/parents to inform the administration officers or age/group coaches about any absenteeism due to injury etc. Any player not attending the centre for 3 successions without communications will be automatically released from the centre. There will be NO exceptions.
8. During training and games all parents and spectators are to:
 - a) Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
 - b) Refrain from coaching the child during the game.
 - c) Do not shout and scream.
 - d) Respect the referee's decision.
 - e) Give encouragement to everyone.

Under no circumstances approach any players from other clubs. This will be classed as an illegal approach and they will be reported to the Sheffield & Hallamshire F.A.

During training all parents and spectators are to watch from the viewing areas. No adults other than coaching, medical, administrative staff and scouts will be allowed in the training area.

9. ZERO TOLERANCE. Any parent/carer being abusive to any member of staff for what ever reason will be automatically asked to leave the centre and their daughter will be released.

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