**Code of Conduct for Players and Parents**

Our code of conduct is essential to the success and future development of junior football at Debenham Youth FC. We strive to create a positive atmosphere, free from foul and abusive language, undue pressure, embarrassment and prejudice. This is crucial in order for the children to be able to play, develop, enjoy and express themselves. Please support the children by abiding by this simple code of conduct.

* **Foul and abusive language from players, parents, team officials or spectators will not be tolerated.**
* **Players, parents, team officials & spectators are requested to respect the referee and officials and any decisions they make. No abuse of referees or officials will be tolerated.**
* **All persons are expected to let the children play without being embarrassed by screaming and shouting from the touchline. Players often become distracted and confused when hearing conflicting comments and instructions from the touchline, and as a result their performance, confidence and enjoyment may suffer.**
* **We encourage positive support from all by means such as “Well done” or “Great pass” as opposed to criticism for mistakes. Young children do not respond well to negative feedback and such must be avoided.**
* **Serious disciplinary issues will be dealt with by the Club Committee in conjunction with the Suffolk FA and the team manager. Parents may be requested to attend any disciplinary hearing held.**
* **The taking of pictures or the videoing of the children is strictly forbidden without prior permission of the club and the parents of ALL the children involved.**
* **Failure to comply with this code may result in exclusion of individual Players, Parents, Coaches, Managers or Spectators from the club.**

**All Debenham Youth FC Coaches have signed up to the Clubs “Code of Conduct for Coaches” which is available by request.**

Show RESPECT to ALL. The FA RESPECT campaign is at the heart of the Clubs code of conduct and our expectations for players, parents, officials and visitors. We expect RESPECT from all to ALL. We must remember we are all volunteers, we are all human, this is grassroots football, it is supposed to be enjoyable to ALL.

**Have fun, make friends, play football**