



# FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL COACHING

(Hereinafter referred to as "The Club")

## APPENDIX C

### Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

First Touch has had the fortune of tremendous parental support both on and off the park since its inception. However, for all parents – old and new – we request that you acknowledge and comply with our code of conduct. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

#### **Parents/guardians should:**

- Appreciate that their child's involvement in playing football should be primarily for his/her own personal enjoyment
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat equally within the context of the sport. Praise positive aspects and avoid becoming frustrated or ridiculing young players by focusing on their failings.
- Develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
- Encourage and guide your child(ren) to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- At the outset, where there is any doubt, and where appropriate seek clarification with the coach, exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from the coach.
- Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the laws of the game and behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game or relevant rules and regulations.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour.
- Emphasise the importance of striving to win, not winning itself.
- Praise effort and performance more than results.
- Ensure that transport arrangements in relation to First Touch coaching or games, for their child(ren), are made by themselves. Where another adult has responsibility for transporting your child, they do so with your consent.
- Notify your child(ren)'s coach in advance if they are unable to attend for coaching
- Make the Club aware of any changes to their child's personal details.

**Parents/guardians should not:**

- Allow their child(ren) to play or train with any other football club during their time with First Touch without prior permission from First Touch. We appreciate that your child(ren) may play for BB, Scouts and Schools and have no objections to these situations.
- Attempt to coach their child(ren) during coaching or competitive games.

**Failure to observe any code may result in you being asked to stay away from the Club, or in more serious code violations, result in your child being asked to leave e.g. if found to be playing with another club.**