



## Barnet Panthers Code of Conduct

The Barnet Panthers **Code of Conduct** works hand in hand with Barnet Panthers **Behaviour Policy**, Barnet Panthers **Positive Support Policy** and the **FA Respect Policy**

The Barnet Panthers **Behaviour Policy** outlines the measures the club will take to resolve behavioural issues in the club.

The Barnet Panthers **Positive Support Policy** outlines how, as a club, we have embraced a 'Positive Support' ethos and have incorporated it into how our club operated. The Barnet Panthers Code of Conduct reflects the standards set by the FA's respect policy

All players once signed to the club - along with their parents/carers and colleagues - understand that they are bound by the Barnet Panthers code of conduct as well as the policies associated with the club.

### **No Smoking**

Barnet Panthers have a NO SMOKING policy at all matches and training session. There shall be no smoking anywhere near the pitch, clubhouse or training area. Anyone smoking – both home and from the opposition - will be asked to leave the area.

### **Spectators / Parents / Carers - RESPECT**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment which can be found on [BarnetPanthers.com](http://BarnetPanthers.com)

Girls' football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do – sticking to Barnet Panthers' positive support policy
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Players Social Media notes (see below) apply to Spectators, Parents and Carers too.

Parents/carers/colleagues linked to players signed to the club understand that if they do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:

They may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club which will be passed onto the perpetrator if found guilty

Resolution will be made as per the Barnet Panthers Behaviour Policy.

### **Players - RESPECT**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct which can be found on [BarnetPanthers.com](http://BarnetPanthers.com)

When playing football, players agree I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability

- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club

Resolution will be made as per the Barnet Panthers Behaviour Policy.

Players when they sign for the club understand that if they do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

They may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club. It is understood that this fine will be passed onto my parent to pay before I can train or play for the club again

### **Notes on Social Media**

Participants should be aware that comments made on such sites may be considered public comment, and that further to FA Rule E3, any comments which are deemed improper, bring the game into disrepute, or are threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting may lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from the club.

Comments which are personal in nature or could be construed as offensive, use foul language or contain direct or indirect threats aimed at other participants are likely to be considered improper may lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from the club.

Participants are required to act in the best interests of the game at all times and should be aware of this when using social networking websites. Furthermore, participants are reminded that postings on social networking sites which they believe to be visible to a limited number of selected people may still end up in the public domain and consequently, care should be exercised with regards to the contents of such postings.

In addition, we would like to remind participants that social networking postings could also lead to civil proceedings being brought by affected parties.