

# Football Etiquette

## Children's Etiquette

- Thank the coach after every game, making eye contact and expressing gratitude for their efforts.
- Respect the opposition players, coaches, and officials.
- Display good sportsmanship by not making excuses or complaining about unfavourable decisions.
- Focus on having fun and enjoying the game rather than solely on winning.

## Parent/Carer/Guardians' Etiquette

- Model positive behaviour on the side-lines and at home, avoiding negative comments about coaches, players, or officials.
- Appreciate the time and effort put in by coaches and volunteers, offering thanks and support.
- Do not publicly question or criticise the coach's decisions on positions, tactics, etc.
- Applaud and celebrate good play from both teams, fostering a positive environment.
- Avoid becoming overly focused on winning at the expense of enjoyment and development.

## Coaches' and Staff's Etiquette

- Prioritise the wellbeing, safety, and enjoyment of the children over winning at all costs.
- Set a positive example through their conduct, promoting respect for all participants.
- Encourage children to celebrate the success of other teams and appreciate the opposition.
- Adhere to safeguarding policies, codes of conduct, and ensure a safe environment for children.
- Communicate clearly with parents about selection policies, playing time, and Football Evolution UK' philosophy.

The overarching theme is creating a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for children to develop their skills and love for the game. Good etiquette from all parties involved is crucial in achieving this goal.

