North Devon Youth League Code of Conduct COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

We are all role models and must exemplify the highest standards of positive behaviour. This will help to create a positive environment for young players to enjoy football. In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants' behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The North Devon Youth League (NDYL) wishes to set the highest possible standards and we expect all coaches to readily agree to the following:

- I will display and promote high standards of behaviour at all times.
- I will place behaviour and acting as a positive role model ahead of competitiveness and results.
- I will show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- I will always respect the match officials' decisions. I will not question referees or "appeal" for decisions during the match.
- I will never engage in criticism of the match officials except through the FA reporting process.
- I accept that referees make mistakes, as we all do, and will promote this understanding with my players.
- I will never enter the field of play without the referee's permission. I will never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- I understand that I set the standards for the behaviour of my players and spectators and I will work with officials, the FA and the League to promote high standards.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me in terms of behaviour.
- I will ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- I will refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- I will keep instructions during play to a minimum and avoid screaming instructions.
- I will positively encourage players and avoid any public criticism.
- Breaches of this code should be reported via the Club Secretary to the League Secretary.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and/or The NDYL. This may include a requirement to attend further training, suspensions, fines or other measures. *If you are unable to agree to the above points, then coaching youth football in the NDYL is probably not for you.

We hope that you are able to embrace these principles and we look forward to an exciting and positive season. Thank you