St Paul's Panthers FC

Code of Conduct – Play Your Part

We want football to be fun, safe and fair for everyone. This code supports The FA's Respect programme and applies to players, parents, carers, spectators, coaches, team managers and club volunteers.

1. Everyone
On and off the pitch, at home and away, I will:

- Show respect to everyone – players, coaches, referees, opponents and spectators
- Respect the referee and accept their decisions
- Play and support fairly, and follow the rules of the game
- Never use, or put up with, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never bully anyone, or put up with bullying
- Be a good sport, whether we win or lose
- Look after the facilities, at home and away

2. Players
When I play football, I will:

- Try my best for the team
- Be friendly and shake hands with the other team – win or lose
- Listen to my coach and understand that they have to do what is best for the team
- Encourage my teammates
- Talk to someone I trust, or the Club Welfare Officer, if I am unhappy about anything at the club

3. Parents, carers and spectators
I will:

- Remember the children are here to have fun
- Cheer effort and good play from both teams
- Respect the coaches and referee, and encourage the players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline, and in the spectator area where there is one
- Encourage players when they make mistakes, not criticise them
- Leave the coaching to the coaches

4. Coaches, team managers and volunteers
I will:

- Put each player's safety, wellbeing and enjoyment first
- Set a good example and watch my language
- Plan activities that suit the players' age and ability
- Only go onto the pitch during a match with the referee's permission
- Work with parents and the Club Welfare Officer in the best interests of each player
- Read The FA's safeguarding guidance on physical contact (5.6) and acceptable behaviours when working with young people (5.7), available on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com

5. Raising a concern
If you are worried about a child, or about someone's behaviour, speak to the team coach or the Club Welfare Officer. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

6. If this code is not followed
Depending on what has happened, the club may:

- Ask the person to apologise, or give a verbal or formal warning
- Ask the person to leave a training session or match
- Ask the person to meet the club committee
- Drop, substitute or suspend a player from training or matches
- Ask a parent or spectator not to attend future games
- Remove a coach or volunteer from their role, or end a person's membership, or prevent a spectator's future attendance

Serious matters may also be referred to the league or County FA, which can take its own action (including suspensions, fines or requiring an FA education course).

Signed:

Role	**Name**	**Date**
Chairperson	Alan Russell	14 November 2026
Secretary	Adam Scott	14 November 2026
Club Welfare Officer (Youth)	Grant Spooner	14 November 2026
Treasurer	Matthew Fox	14 November 2026