



# WELWYN GARDEN CITY PANSHANGER FOOTBALL CLUB

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## **Code of Conduct for Parents**

Panshanger FC aims to provide a safe, friendly environment in which all players can develop their football and team working skills in an atmosphere that is competitive but also encourages fair play. The club is always pleased when its teams do well but winning is not the first priority. To achieve this, the club has developed the following code of conduct.

1. Parents/Guardians must offer good positive encouragement to all children of both teams, to ensure that all children enjoy their football and are encouraged to develop.
2. Parents/Guardians must refrain from shouting or screaming, especially negative comments. Remember the children are young and easily discouraged and upset, football should be fun.
3. Parents/Guardians must avoid coaching during the game, this should be left to the Manager/Coach.
4. Parents/Guardians will remember that opposition teams, visiting team officials, supporters and match officials are guests of the club and they will be treated with courtesy.
5. Games will be played in a sporting manner and parents will not question the decisions of match officials.
6. Parents/Guardians will not enter into abusive or provocative behaviour towards opposition players, visiting team officials, supporters or match officials during or after matches. Swearing and physical threats or violence are unacceptable and will be reported to the relevant authorities.
7. Parents/Guardians will not enter the field of play at any time. The club recognizes that parents of younger players will be worried if a player is injured but while the player remains on the pitch only the manager and match officials may attend the player.
8. Parents/Guardians will treat club premises and property and that of opposition clubs with respect.
9. Parents/Guardians will accept that the Manager's decision in all matters relating to the team and team selection is final.

The club management committee will sanction Parents/Guardians who ignore this code of conduct. Sanctions will be:

- On a first occasion the Parent/Guardian will be warned.
- On a second occasion the Parent/Guardian will be suspended for a period decided by the committee.
- On a third occasion the Parent/Guardian will be expelled from the club.

The management committee has the right to move directly to the second or third stage if the committee judges that an incident is so serious that this action is necessary.

Anyone sanctioned under this code has the right to appeal to Herts F.A. within fourteen days of the sanction.

This code of practice is not designed to restrict anyone's freedom but to set the standards of behaviour that are expected to ensure that everyone enjoys football.