



## Walsall FC Talented & Gifted Programme



# PLAYERS: CODE OF CONDUCT



Walsall FC is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment at all times during your child's football development.

**"As Players you have a responsibility to represent yourselves, club, coaches and parents in a respectful and positive manner"**

- Always play for FUN and ENJOYMENT. (Play with a smile on your face!)
- Meet and greet your coach at the beginning of each training session and games, with a handshake.
- Make every attempt to play to the best of your ability.
- Play fairly, do not cheat, complain or waste time.
- Applaud effort and the attempting of good play by your team mates. DON'T criticise team mates!
- Respect your team mates.
- Respect the facilities, staff, officials, opposition at our ground and our opponents' grounds.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee/coach.
- Shake hands with opposition, referee as well as team mates at the end of each game.
- Listen and respond to what your coach/team manager tells me.
- Talk to someone you trust if you are unhappy have any concerns.
- Players should be in bed at a reasonable hour on the night before a game.
- Winning is important but taking part and trying your best is much more significant.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their parents, coaches or the referee.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

***At the start of each season all players will be asked to sign a declaration sheet in support of this Code of Conduct.***