

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BURGESS HILL ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB (BHAFC)

Community

Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. BHAFC will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

BHAFC is opposed to discrimination of any form, and will take any necessary measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Finance & Administration

BHAFC demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect

BHAFC will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, other clubs or other organisations.

Violence

BHAFC rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness

BHAFC is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play

BHAFC is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

By Order of the Club Officers July 2009.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at all levels.

Obligations towards the club:

A player should:

1. Make every effort to pay any outstanding monies owed to the club as soon as possible.
2. Remember that they represent Burgess Hill Albion Football Club; they should do everything within their power to ensure that the reputation of the club is not tarnished.
3. Match fees for the 2009-10 season are:
 - £40 members fee (Optional)
 - £6 per match if the members fee is paid
 - £10 per match if the members fee is not paid

Obligations towards the game:

A player should:

1. Make every effort to develop his own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time-wasting.
5. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team:

A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules:

A player should:

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards Opponents:

A player should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials:

A player should:

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials:

A player should:

1. Abide by the instructions given by his Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters:

A player should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB OFFICIALS

This Code applies to all team/club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the game:

The team official should:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the players, supporters and reputation of the national game.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the team:

The team official should:

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using all permitted means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles.
5. Show due respect to the interests of players, coaches and other officials, at his own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters:

The team official should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials:

A player should:

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.