



### Crookham Rovers FC – Parents Charter

Crookham Rovers Football Club believes that parents play a very important role in their child's development in sport. To that end, the club would ask all parents to contribute to the club and their child's and all other children's participation in sport. The club expects all parents to:

- ❖ Encourage but not force an unwilling child to participate in sport or in the club.
- ❖ Recognise that children's enjoyment in sport and as a member of this club is paramount.
- ❖ Emphasise enjoyment and fun, praise and reinforce effort and improvement.
- ❖ Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play not only by your child but by others members of the team and also the opposition.
- ❖ Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as winning.
- ❖ Help your child to set realistic goals, improve their skills and develop positive sporting attitude.
- ❖ Never ridicule or shout at any child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ❖ Parents or Guardians should set an example by being friendly towards the opposing team, its supporters and parents.
- ❖ Encourage your child to play to the Laws of the Game and not to argue with referees, other officials, their team-mates or opposing players.
- ❖ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities. All adults in the Club have a responsibility in safeguarding children
- ❖ Express any concerns (in a confidential manner) about your child or the club to the nominated officer
- ❖ Recognise the value and importance of Managers and Coaches. They give their time and resources to provide football for your child, so abide by their decisions and team selection, support them.
- ❖ Refrain from giving instructions to your own child or players whilst taking part in competitive games for the club. Only the team coach or nominated person should give instructions to the players. Parents should give encouragement and not instructions as this leads to confusion.
- ❖ Offer whatever assistance you can to the running of our club and support the club and their child where possible, by for example, providing transport to training or competitions, watching matches and training sessions, making sure that their child has appropriate clothing and equipment, supporting fund raising and social events.
- ❖ Parents/Guardians & spectators must not bring the game into disrepute by arguing with match officials, other Parents/Guardians, spectators or officials of the opposing side.
- ❖ The use of abusive or foul language will not be tolerated.
- ❖ To refrain from smoking and/or consuming alcohol in view of children during a match or training session

**Parents/Guardians & spectators are reminded that they are bound by the referee's authority from the time they arrive at the ground until they depart. Any Parents/Guardians or spectators bringing the club into disrepute, whether by word or deed, may at the discretion of the Committee, be expelled from the club and/or prevented from attending matches.**