# **A.F.C WESTEND** AFFILIATED TO THE SURREY COUNTY FA England Accredited Club



## **SEASON 2024/2025**

West End Sports and Social Club West End Lane Esher Surrey KT10 8LF Clubhouse Tel No: 01372 465249

# PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT & CLUB RULES

## 1. Name and objectives

1.1. That the Club shall be called "AFC WEST END FOOTBALL CLUB" (AFCWE)", and its objectives shall be to provide opportunities for playing Football to all its members.

1.2. to ensure a duty of care to all Members of the Club.

1.3. to establish and implement a code of conduct for all members.

1.4. to ensure the provision and maintenance of the ground situated at West End Common, Esher, Surrey.

1.5. To enter teams in such Leagues and Competitions as shall be decided at the Annual General and /or extraordinary General Meetings.

## 2. Officers and Committees

2.1. That the Officers of the Club consist of the Chairman, President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Team Managers.

A.F.C West End Football Club believes that it is in the best interest of the sport that we all observe certain standards of behaviour to make the game more enjoyable and safer for everyone. It is a condition of the registration with the club that all players, staff and spectators acknowledge this responsibility and agree to abide by the Club's Code of Conduct and Rules and adhere to the FA Code of Respect.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Football.

Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class, or social background, sexual preference or political belief.

Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.

Display high standards of behaviour.

Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and Rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials.

Practice and improve your soccer skills to beat your opponents by Skilful, not unfair means.

Offer encouragement, not criticism to your teammates.

Do not lose your self-control and retaliate - even if provoked.

Be a team player - put the interests of the team before your own.

Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.

Under no circumstances resort to violent conduct or dangerous play. Do not use foul or abusive language or behave badly towards other players or match officials.

Be honest and show good sportsmanship and do not try to gain unfair advantage by appealing for decisions that are not yours or over celebrate success.

Approach training and matches with the right attitude and commitment, be punctual and prepare properly.

Shake hands and acknowledge your opponents at the end of the game regardless of the result.

Let your Team Manager know in plenty of time if you are unable to play, or carrying an injury or are unable to attend weekly training sessions.

Play to win and enjoy yourself, take victory modestly and defeat graciously. Wear the club's colours with pride and never do anything to damage its sporting reputation or the sport of soccer.

The club expects that **all players** assist on match days and at training sessions with the setting up and taking down of the goals, nets, corner flags and equipment and see that the same are returned to the storage shed after each match/training session has finished and left in a tidy condition.

### (Please do not leave it to just a few to do this)

The club expects **all players** to take responsibility for making sure that the home and away dressing rooms are left in a clean and tidy condition after every home match on Sunday's.

Your Team Manager's will arrange this duty on a rotational basis so that its fair to everyone.

(This is a mandatory Sports & Social Club requirement so must be done without fail)

#### **Players Subs**

• Players Subs - The weekly match subs are set at £5.00 per player as agreed at the AGM, players are expected to pay this money before the start of every game and any non-payment of these fees will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Frequent offenders face the risk of a club ban or suspension for non-payment.

#### • Players Annual Signing on Fees

• Players Signing on Fees (Currently £60.00) as set at the AGM must be paid in full by the start of the season in September; this is a **mandatory** and legal requirement of the club when a player sign's on for us.

Should there are any extenuating circumstances that prevail for an individual player to make the payment in full by this date the club will consider part or staggered payments until the full payment has been cleared. If this method of payment is used the full payment would be expected to be cleared by the individual player by the end of November latest. (Your Team Manager will monitor this)

# • The non-payment of signing on fees before the afore mentioned date could lead to the player facing the risk of a club ban or suspension from playing until the full amount has been cleared.

Payments of signing on fees can either paid by cash, cheque or directly into the club bank account, AFC Westend - A/c No 90249483 - Sort Code 20-90-56

#### Explanation of the Breakdown of Annual Signing on Fees

As part of the **£60.00** annual signing on fees, **£15.00** per player automatically goes to the West End Sports & Social Club to pay for mandatory club membership. The remainder of the fee is broken down as follows: part goes towards covering all Surrey FA and L&DSFL annual membership fees and towards the purchasing of any new equipment or kit required, there is also membership to a Players Personal Accident Insurance Benefit Scheme currently with Bluefin Sport, a description of this cover can be found on display on our club notice board and in the home dressing room, or full details can be obtained from the club Secretary. The surplus of the left-over money then goes into the main club fund.

#### As part of the club constitution, all players, managers, coaches that are involved with AFC Westend agree to abide by the laws of the FA Respect Code of Conduct.

A.F.C. West End Football Club are affiliated to the Surrey County Football Association.

Any player that receives a caution (current caution £12.00), sending off offence (approx. minimum charge of £30 + 1 match ban) or further charge during a game for whatever reason will be responsible for the prompt payment of any fine incurred because of the player's actions and for any reasonable administration fee the Club may charge on each caution, sending off offence or charge.

The non-payment of any caution, fine or charge within seven (7) days of notification to any player by the Secretary, will result in the player being suspended from the club until such fine has been paid.

The club will not tolerate any players or members of staff that persistently break the rules or are involved in incidents of misconduct, either on, or off the pitch.

Disciplinary action will be taken in such cases and may lead to the offender being expelled from the club.

The club secretary will inform Players and Team Managers in good time of all fines and suspensions received from Surrey F A.