



## Parents' Code of Conduct

*New Inn Juniors*

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### Introduction

This Code of Conduct has been created in line with **Football Association of Wales (FAW) guidelines** and reflects the **core values of New Inn Juniors Football Club**.

It is designed to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable football environment where all children can develop both as players and individuals, supported by a strong partnership between coaches, parents, and players.

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### Commitment & Attendance

We understand that your child may not be able to attend every New Inn Juniors training session due to illness or other commitments. However, our coaches prepare each session based on the responses received via Spond.

Last-minute dropouts have a significant impact on the quality and structure of training, particularly in smaller-sided sessions. Please be as accurate and timely as possible when responding to availability requests.

If no response is received within 48 hours, we will assume your child is unavailable and plan the session accordingly.

Match selection for New Inn Juniors may be influenced by training attendance and engagement, as regular participation is key to both player development and fair team planning.

**Please note:** we have a significant number of children on our waiting list. If a child is absent from **three consecutive training sessions without communication**, we reserve the right to offer their place in the squad to a child from the reserve list.

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### Sideline Behaviour

As per **FAW (Football Association of Wales) guidelines**, all spectators must remain **behind a designated spectator barrier** during both training sessions and matches.

Although we have not strictly enforced this in previous seasons, from the **2025/26 season this will be mandatory** at all New Inn Juniors fixtures and training events. This helps create a safer, more focused environment for the children and supports coaches in managing sessions effectively.

**Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted** – allow the children to learn, make their own decisions, and develop confidence on the pitch.

Please **encourage all New Inn players**, not just your own, and refrain from criticising players, officials, or other parents at any time.

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### Respect & Conduct

Treat **all New Inn Juniors coaches, players, and other parents with respect**. Abusive or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated.

We are volunteers – we do not receive payment and give our time freely for the benefit of the children.

Coaches' decisions regarding team selection, positions, and match time are made in the best interest of player development and team balance.

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### Children's Behaviour

We expect all New Inn Juniors players to treat their team-mates, coaches, and opponents with respect at all times, both during training and matches.

If a child displays behaviour that is verbally or physically disrespectful towards coaches or other players, a **10-minute time-out structure** will be implemented.



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In these cases, the child will be asked to spend 10 minutes with their parent or guardian on the sideline to reflect and reset.

This measure is intended to promote accountability and ensure a safe, positive environment for all children.

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### Smoking & Vaping

Parents and spectators **must not smoke or vape** on the sidelines during either training sessions or matches.

This is to ensure a healthy, family-friendly atmosphere and to lead by example for the children.

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### Safeguarding

At **New Inn Juniors**, the wellbeing of every player is at the heart of our approach.

If your child is experiencing any circumstances that may affect their participation, **please don't hesitate to reach out to our Club Safeguarding Officer:**

**Nigel Leaworthy**

*leaworthy@btinternet.com*

All conversations will be dealt with **confidentially and respectfully**.

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### Communication

Allow **24 hours** before raising any concerns following a match or training session.

Any issues should be raised respectfully, through the appropriate channels – not via group chats or in-the-moment discussions.

We encourage open communication, but inappropriate or aggressive messages will result in removal from the group.



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### Team Philosophy

New Inn Juniors is an **inclusive team**, committed to giving every child the opportunity to play and improve, regardless of ability.

We accept that this may result in the team facing tough matches, but our focus is on development, teamwork, and enjoyment.

To ensure all players are supported to progress at the right pace, coaches may occasionally split **training and matchday squads** or deliver **ability-focused sessions**. This allows children to receive the level of challenge or support that best suits their current stage of development and helps build confidence across all ability levels.

Please help us nurture a **positive environment** where effort, respect, and team spirit are valued above winning at all costs.

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### Registration & Expectations

**Please ensure you have read the full Code of Conduct before paying registration fees.**

To help maintain a supportive and respectful environment, **we may prioritise re-registration** for families who consistently support the values and expectations outlined in this code.

We have a waiting list of committed children ready to join the team, and it's important that all families contribute to the positive culture we aim to uphold.

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### Parent/Guardian Agreement

By signing below, you confirm that you have read and agree to adhere to the New Inn Juniors Parents' Code of Conduct.

You also agree that these standards and expectations apply not only to yourself but to **all family members, guardians, or friends** who attend training sessions and matches on behalf of your child.

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_