



Scottish Charity

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The Spirit of the Game

(Incorporating the “SFA’s Set the Standards”)

The SSFA expects its members and community volunteers to promote a positive environment for its activities and by displaying exemplary behaviour and implementing practices that make for a safe, fun and positive experience for all children and young people involved.

On and off the pitch, the following elements are indicative of good practice.

- Make football fun, enjoyable experience and promote fair play.
- Always show respect to everyone involved.
- Encourage the children and young people to be respectful to everyone involved.
- Appreciate the importance of everyone involved.
- Be proud of being part of the same ‘team’ and encourage others to be proud of their achievements.
- Be a positive role model by:
 - Leading with enthusiasm and encouragement
 - Never engaging in, or tolerating offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour.
 - Being gracious in victory and defeat
 - Challenge and, where appropriate, report behaviour that does not meet the standards expected.

Working with children and young people, the following elements are indicative of good practice.

- Treat all children and young people equally with respect, dignity, honesty, sensitivity and fairness (Article 2) UNCRC
- Put the wellbeing and best interest of the young person first before winning or achieving performance goals (Article 3, UNCRC)
- Support children to understand their rights and the safeguards put in place to protect them.
- Always listen to and act upon any concerns raised by a child or young person.
- Build balanced relationships based on mutual trust.
- Consult children in decisions and activities affecting them where possible, respecting and taking seriously the views they contribute (Article 12, UNCRC)
- Always work in an open environment, wherever possible
- Never have favourites but praise the children and young people that demonstrate commitment, positive attitude and good behaviour.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism.