**DARLINGTON YOUNG BULLS FC**

**CODE OF CONDUCT 2023/2024**

**PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

Parents/spectators have a great influence on a child’s enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they love the game – it’s fun and they should be allowed to enjoy it in a stress free and happy environment! It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football, within the club, we must constantly reinforce positive encouragement as this will contribute to:

* Children enjoying football, regardless of their ability
* A sense of personal achievement
* Improving the child’s skills and techniques

As a Parent/Spectator your expectations and attitude will have a significant bearing on a child’s attitude towards other players, officials, managers, team mates and other spectators.

We request that all parents/spectators within the club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children playing the game. If you agree, and agree to abide by the following points, please sign the code of conduct and return it to the club immediately. I will:

* Avoid coaching from the side line to any child during games or training sessions.
* Not shout and scream at a child, team official, club member or referee and respect all decisions
* Not smoke pitch side whilst watching any Darlington Young Bulls team play including e-cigarettes. There is to be no smoking or vaping on the grass pitches at Blackwell Meadows.
* Never use foul or abusive language towards a child, team official, club member or referee

**Fines**

Any fines incurred from Yellow and Red cards during matches will need to be settled in full by yourselves (parent/carer), this also is inclusive of any Misconduct charges and FA Hearing fees. The club, in the first instance, will pay your fine to prevent any further increases in the amount, however the player is then expected to reimburse the football club within 14 days of the issued fine. The non-payment of fines within the 14 day timeframe will also result in the player being excluded from training with Darlington Young Bulls FC.

**Subscription Fees**

* Subs are paid monthly at £20 per player. They must be paid by standing order into the club account. (The subscription fee will be reviewed annually).
* If a player has a sibling in the club then they are entitled to half price subs of £10 for the second child and any child thereafter.
* If your child plays for more than one team within Darlington Young Bulls Football Club then the cost of subscriptions for the second team will be set at an additional £15 per month regardless of sibling discounts etc.
* If your child leaves Darlington Young Bulls Football Club it is your responsibility to cancel your standing order, the club cannot do this for you and will not issue any refunds for subs taken after a player has left the club.

The standing order can be set up for any day of the month for £20 using the bank details below:

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Account Name: Darlington Young Bulls FC

Account Number: 33692214

Sort code: 09-01-29

Please can you quote your child’s full name in the reference field

**Sign On Fee**

* There shall be a one-off annual sign on fee of £40 (this fee is reviewed annually and will be increased if necessary in line with the membership charges of Darlington Rugby Football Club).
* The Sign On fee is payable on or before 30th June each year (or after 4 free sessions for new players joining Darlington Young Bulls Football Club after 30th June).
* The Sign On fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**

Subs are to be paid every month even if a player is injured. If the injury is long term (longer than 8 weeks) then a case should be made to the club committee for subs to be suspended. If subs fall behind by one month or more, your child will immediately be stopped from training and playing matches until all outstanding payments have been received.

**SUBS MAY ONLY BE PAID BY STANDING ORDER DIRECTLY INTO THE CLUB BANK ACCOUNT, DARLINGTON YOUNG BULLS FC WILL NOT ACCEPT CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENTS.**

**As a parent/carer/spectator I will not question the decisions of any manager or coach from Darlington Young Bulls FC. I will not post comments into Facebook or WhatsApp groups questioning team selection or any issues regarding my child. I will not engage in personal messages with managers or coaches which question any decisions made. If I have any questions, then I will request a personal meeting with the team manager and a member of the Darlington Young Bulls FC Committee. I understand that I will be asked to leave the club with immediate effect if any of these rules are broken. We have a duty of care to protect our managers and coaches as well as our children.**

***In joining the club and signing below, this agreement is confirmed and if any points are broken the club committee, with the guidance of your team manager, can suspend you from watching. Please also note that by signing the Parents code of conduct you are responsible and have signed on behalf of all those that come to watch your child.***

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| Parents Name: | Team: |
| Parents Signature: | Date: |