



# Parent and Spectators General Code of Behaviour

1. Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because first and foremost they love the game - its fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football, it is important to reinforce the message to both parents and spectators alike that positive encouragement will contribute to:
  - Children enjoying football
  - A sense of personal achievement
  - Self-esteem
  - Improving the child's skills and techniques
2. A parent's/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:
  - Other players
  - Officials
  - Managers
  - Spectators

Please ensure that you are always positive and encourage all the children, not just your own

3. Parents/spectators should also:
  - Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
  - Avoid coaching your child during a match
  - Not shout and scream
  - Not berate children in public
  - Respect the Referee's decisions
  - Give attention to each child involved not just the most talented
  - Adhere to your club's Code of Conduct policy

## Note

Some clubs are making it a pre-condition of signing on that parents have completed an on-line Soccer Parent course. Crofton Saints do not however, intend to impose such a condition on their club unless directed to the contrary by Hants FA. Nevertheless Crofton Saints does think that it is well worth each parent viewing the course out of general interest. The course can be accessed as follows:

[www.thefa.com/GrassrootsNew/FALearning/SoccerParent](http://www.thefa.com/GrassrootsNew/FALearning/SoccerParent)