

ISL WEST COUNTRY CUP 2017

CODE OF CONDUCT

- * **Football is fun.** We are all involved for the enjoyment we derive from it. Playing new teams from other parts of the country is extra enjoyment you can give to your players. **Teach your players to reflect this** in the way that your whole club conducts itself in public.
- * Before every match it is normal for **captains exchange a pennant** or small souvenir.
- * The **opposing players all shake hands** and thank each other after the match, as they leave the field.
- * Players should be told that the **referee's decisions** (whether right or wrong in your opinion) **should be accepted** without question or comment.
- * Team officials should **support the referee at all times** and never question his decision publicly or undermine his authority.
- * Team supporters should **reflect totally the attitude of the team's officials** and players. It is often said, "The children are fine and it is the adults who are a problem." This is shameful if one sits back and thinks about it.
- * The English FA approves the tournament rules. There is a protest and complaints procedure, **this is every team's right**. If you need to make use of it, please do it calmly and correctly and accept the decisions subsequently made.
- * **Encourage sportsmanship.** Without any written definition, we all know what it really means. Arrive with pride in your team and its behaviour and depart with its reputation maintained and enhanced.
- * Each team has different interpretations and emphasis on aspects of the game. Explain to your players these facts of football life. **Respect each other's differences** and learn from the experience of playing each other.
- * Finally, **break down the barriers**, usually of shyness. **Talk and socialise** with each other. You will soon learn that we all share a love of football and a concern for young players. Let us **pass this on to the next generation**.