NFYFC Competitions Department
YFC Winning Behaviour Policy

Scope

This Policy sets out the values and expected standard of behaviour and conduct by YFC members and their parents/guardians and/or supporters, as well as all staff, volunteers and competition officials towards each other, other competitors and teams, judges, stewards, NFYFC Staff and volunteers, and should be considered in conjunction with other policies, codes of conduct and guidance published by NFYFC or the County Federation.

Values

- Fun: YFC encourages participation in a way that everyone has fun
- Excellence: YFC encourages individuals and teams to achieve their maximum potential through competition, to build confidence and competence that can be transferred into all areas of life
- Equality and inclusion: YFC values equality and diversity without prejudice or discrimination, and embraces each other's similarities and differences so that everyone is included
- Respect: Everyone is treated with respect
- Fairness: Everyone is treated fairly
- To inspire and excite: positive participation in YFC aims to inspire future leaders in our movement
- Role models: YFC strives to create a positive culture and fair competition by everyone role modelling best practice

YFC Members

As a member of YFC when competing, you should:-

- Treat people equally and fairly regardless of age, disability, gender (sex), gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, socio-economic status or political belief.
- Not engage in or allow any form of discrimination to be condoned or go unchallenged.
- Respect the opinions of others.
- Have respect for property and other peoples' possessions.
- Compete to the best of your ability and for the benefit of your team – play fairly and by the rules.
- Be non-judgemental and have respect for your team-mates, the opposing team and the judges, stewards, guardians, parents, supporters and YFC staff.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Avoid offending others by refraining from language, behaviour or apparel with slogans that may reasonably considered to be offensive, insulting, discriminatory or abusive.
- Not conduct themselves in any way that may reasonably be considered to bring the reputation of YFC into question or disrepute.
- Have fun!

YFC Parents/Guardians/Supporters

As a supporter at an NFYFC event, in addition to the above, you should:-

- Support your competitors with a positive approach, regardless of the competition result.
- Remain within the designated Supporters' Area.
- Appreciate and promote good play from all teams and competitors.
- Respect the Judge/Referee's decisions, even when you may disagree with them.
- Encourage YFC members to respect each other, the opposition, referee/judge, stewards, other parents/guardians, supporters and YFC Staff and volunteers.

- Avoid offending others by refraining from language, behaviour or apparel with slogans that may reasonably considered to be offensive, insulting, discriminatory or abusive.
- Not conduct themselves in any way that may reasonably be considered to bring the reputation of YFC into question or disrepute.

The Judges/Referees/Stewards

Judges/Referees/Stewards should:

- Declare any conflicts of interest.
- Conduct themselves honourably at all times and maintain the dignity of their position.
- Be consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when applying the rules of the competition.
- Treat all competitors with dignity and respect, even in the event of rule infringements.
- Treat all competitors and each other equally, fairly and without discrimination.
- Provide any feedback to competitors in a positive and constructive manner.
- Report any concerns or breaches of the Code of Conduct/Winning Behaviours by any person to the Competition Organiser/Chief Steward/YFC without delay.

We expect all competitors and attendees to treat judges, referees and stewards with due respect and common courtesy at all times, without failure. Judges, referees and stewards must not be the target of abuse or aggression from others, whether this is from competing members, parents/supporters, trainers, spectators, volunteers or staff.

Very often the Judges, Referees and Stewards at YFC events work for us on a voluntary basis, giving up their precious personal time to attend. The YFC is extremely grateful to all the Judges, Referees and Stewards who attend our Competitions to provide members with valuable experience. Without their experience, knowledge, commitment and dedication, we would not be able to run the YFC Competitions Programme.

Judges' decisions and complaints

- The Judges' decision is final.
- Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.
- Official complaints or disputes can be made by Competitors (finalists) or County Chairs only.
- Written notification of **intention to lodge a complaint or to dispute the result, must be received by the Chief Steward on the day of the competition no later than 1 hour of the results being announced.**
- Following the above, the detail of the complaint or dispute of the results must be received in writing at the YFC Centre, Stoneleigh Park **within 3 working days of the competition final.** Email post@nfyfc.org.uk

Infringements

Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters of teams or that which brings YFC into disrepute or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors and or their performances, will be addressed in accordance with relevant policy, e.g. Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding Policy, etc., which may ultimately lead to suspension or permanent removal from membership of YFC, exclusion from future competition or other sanctions as deemed appropriate.

By adhering to this policy, everyone wins!

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YFC Winning Behaviours

Fun, Learning and Achievement

I see...

- A united YFC, proudly representing our club
- Each team member taking responsibility for their behaviour and considering the impact on other team members and teams
- Team-mates supporting each other and recognising individual needs

I hear...

- Respect between team-mates and everyone we meet
- Team-mates sharing in and celebrating success of all team members and other teams
- Positive energy throughout the team

I feel...

- Pride being part of YFC, my performances and those of my team-mates
- I belong as part of an inclusive and diverse YFC family
- Connected with my team-mates and YFC

I commit to...

- Checking in with someone to see how they are, before I challenge them to uphold YFC Winning Behaviours
- Being a role model for YFC
- Leaving a positive legacy for future YFC members