



NORTHWICH UNITED FC

Players Code of Conduct

Season: 2026/2027

Northwich United FC is a welcoming, ambitious club. This Code sets clear, positive expectations so every player can develop, compete fairly, and enjoy football in a safe, respectful environment.

Club Culture

- **Respect:** Treat teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and spectators with dignity, on and off the pitch.
- **Effort:** Give your best in training and matches; arrive prepared and on time.
- **Integrity:** Be honest, keep promises, and take responsibility for your actions.
- **Inclusion:** Support a team culture where everyone belongs and can thrive.

Training and Matchday Standards

- **Punctuality:** Arrive at the stated meet time, ready to start. Notify the coach early if delayed or unavailable.
- **Preparedness:** Bring correct kit, shin pads and any required medication, such as an inhaler or EpiPen.
- **Learning Mindset:** Listen, ask questions, try new ideas, and accept feedback positively.
- **Team First:** Encourage others, celebrate effort, and put the team's goals ahead of personal goals.
- **Safety:** Report injuries or illness early; follow medical advice and return-to-play guidance.

FA Respect — Behaviour with Officials and Opponents

- No dissent, confrontation, or offensive language toward match officials at any time.
- Accept decisions without sarcasm or gestures; the captain or coach handles permitted queries.
- Shake hands before and after games; thank officials and opponents.

Social Media and Communications

- Represent the Club positively online. Do not post abuse, harassment, or public criticism of officials, opponents, teammates, coaches, or the Club.
- Do not share private team information, photos, or personal data without consent and Club approval.
- Players under 18 must not direct-message coaches; communications should go via approved group channels and parents/carers.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- There is zero tolerance for bullying, discrimination, or harassment of any kind, whether on the pitch, in changing areas, on transport, or online.
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour safely, support teammates, and report concerns to the coach or Club Welfare Officer.

Safeguarding and Welfare

- Follow instructions from coaches and officials designed to keep sessions safe.
- Never be alone with an adult out of sight; if this happens by accident, move to a visible area immediately.
- Report any welfare or safeguarding concern to the Club Welfare Officer or a trusted adult. If someone is at immediate risk, call emergency services.



Changing Rooms and Personal Conduct

- Respect privacy and dignity; use appropriate language and behaviour only.
- Keep areas clean; look after your belongings and Club facilities.
- Maintain professional body language at all times; avoid gestures or actions that could be misinterpreted.

Prohibited Behaviours

- No violence, threats, or retaliation.
- No offensive, discriminatory, or sexually explicit language or material.
- No drugs, alcohol, or vaping at Club activities or while representing the Club. Players must not attend Club activities under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Players are expected to maintain a professional appearance and neutral, appropriate body language at all times. Gestures or postures that could be perceived as inappropriate are not permitted while training, playing, or representing Northwich United FC. Repeated or deliberate breaches may lead to disciplinary action

Discipline and Sanctions

The Club may use education, warnings, suspension, or removal from selection for breaches of this Code. Serious incidents may be referred to the League or County FA.

Player Commitment

- Be coachable, be a good teammate, and leave every environment better than you found it.
- Wear approved Club kit on matchdays and at events: keep kit clean and presentable.

Reporting

Role	Name	Email	Phone
Welfare Officer			
Team Manager			
Club Secretary			

Declaration

I have read and understood the Northwich United FC Player Code of Conduct and agree to follow it at all Club activities, in person and online. I understand that breaches may result in Club or FA disciplinary action.

Player name:	Team/Age group:
Signature:	Date:
Parent/Carer name if under 18:	Signature and date: