

# LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY EAGLES



## CODE OF CONDUCT

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LGC Eagles FC is committed to upholding the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, and professionalism both on and off the pitch. This Code of Conduct is designed to outline the behaviour expected from everyone associated with the club: players, coaches, officials, parents, and supporters.

### Players

As a player representing LGC Eagles FC, you are expected to:

**Respect the Game:** Abide by the laws of the game and respect referees, match officials, and opponents at all times.

**Commitment:** Attend all training sessions, matches, and team meetings unless there is a valid reason for absence, which should be communicated promptly.

**Sportsmanship:** Play to the best of your ability, maintain self-control, and accept victory or defeat with dignity.

**Team Spirit:** Support your teammates, avoid negative behaviour, and foster a positive environment.

**Respect Facilities:** Treat club property, dressing rooms, and matchday facilities with care and respect.

**Anti-Discrimination:** Show respect for everyone involved in the game, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or background.

### Coaches and Officials

As leaders and role models, coaches and officials must:

**Promote Respect:** Lead by example, showing respect to players, referees, and opponents.

**Player Development:** Prioritise the development, well-being, and safety of players over winning at all costs.

**Fair Play:** Encourage fair play and adherence to the rules of the game.

**Communication:** Maintain open, honest, and respectful communication with players, parents, and club officials.

**Safeguarding:** Ensure the welfare and protection of all players, particularly young and vulnerable individuals.

### Parents and Guardians

Parents and guardians play a vital role in the success and enjoyment of the club. You are encouraged to:

**Support Positively:** Offer encouragement and support to all players, coaches, and match officials without undue pressure or criticism.

**Respect Boundaries:** Avoid coaching from the sidelines or interfering with team management decisions.

**Promote Fair Play:** Lead by example by respecting referees, opponents, and other spectators.

**Communicate Appropriately:** Raise concerns or questions with coaches or club officials at appropriate times, away from matchdays if possible.

## **Supporters**

Supporters are an integral part of our football club. We ask that you:

**Cheer Responsibly:** Support the team enthusiastically while refraining from abusive or offensive language.

**Respect Officials and Opponents:** Recognise the role of referees, players, and opposing fans in contributing to the match.

**Uphold Club Values:** Represent LGC Eagles FC positively in all interactions, home or away.

## **Club Officials and Volunteers**

Club officials and volunteers are the backbone of LGC Eagles FC. They must:

**Act Professionally:** Conduct themselves with integrity, fairness, and professionalism in all club activities.

**Foster Inclusion:** Promote an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members and visitors.

**Support Transparency:** Manage club affairs with honesty and transparency, ensuring fairness in decision-making.

**Ensure Compliance:** Adhere to FA regulations, safeguarding policies, and club rules at all times.

## **Disciplinary Action**

LGC Eagles FC takes breaches of this Code of Conduct seriously. Any behaviour that contravenes these standards may result in disciplinary action, including:

- Warnings or fines (in line with FA guidelines).
- Suspension from matches, training, or club activities.
- Permanent removal from the club, depending on the severity of the breach.
- All disciplinary matters will be handled by the club's committee in line with our constitution and FA regulations.

## **Commitment to the Community**

LGC Eagles FC is a community club that values its relationships with local supporters, businesses, and organisations. All members are encouraged to engage with the community positively and represent the club in a manner that enhances our reputation.

**By participating in LGC Eagles FC, all players, parents, officials, and supporters agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct. Together, we can create a positive, respectful, and successful environment for football.**

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