

# **Zero Tolerance Policy**

## **Inappropriate Language and Referee Abuse**

- The Royston Crow Youth Football League (RCYFL) acknowledges that every child, young person or adult who plays or participates in football should be able to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment and should be protected from poor practice and all forms of abuse.
- RCYFL will not tolerate any form of inappropriate language or threatening behaviour from Parents, Guests, Spectators, Visitors, Officials or Club Representatives on match sidelines, particularly that aimed towards Match Officials and participating children.
- Match Officials are just as entitled to enjoy the game as much as Players and Spectators.
- RCYFL Member Clubs reserve the right to ask any individual demonstrating actions deemed to conflict with this policy to move away from the match sidelines and, if necessary, to leave the area.

## **Match Day Behaviour Regulations**

RCYFL respectfully asks Member Clubs to make their Managers, Coaches, Parents and Spectators aware of the following requirements when watching Matches:

### **THEY ARE EXPECTED TO**

- Stand at least 2 to 3 metres away from the side of the pitch or behind the "Designated Spectator Area" if provided.
- Allow the Coach or Manager only to coach and instruct the Children
- Give encouragement to all the Children from both Team's, applaud good play
- Let the Children Play and enjoy the experience of Learning for themselves
- Keep their involvement to a minimum
- Adults should guide and support and give positive comments
- Enjoy the football match
- Be realistic about the capability of the Players.
- Show each other the same level of respect that you would expect to receive

### **THEY SHOULD NOT**

- Encroach on the playing area, the Pitch.
- Get involved with coaching the Children.
- Make any derogatory comments at all, to anyone
- Raise your voice or shout at the Children or the Referee
- Question the Referees decisions
- Use any form of foul or abusive language
- Expect too much from the Children
- Use a video camera or take photographs of any children, without asking the other parents and opposing team first
- Bring Dogs onto School Premises, as this is in breach of local Byelaws.

# **Thanking you for your cooperation.**