



Football is a game that owes much of its worldwide appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the SPIRIT OF THE GAME. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY for ensuring the spirit of fair play on the field of play rests with the CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS.

Responsibility of Captains and Managers

Captains and Managers are responsible at all times for ensuring that their players conduct themselves within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws, the Referee is the SOLE JUDGE OF FAIR AND UNFAIR PLAY. Captains are expected to ensure that all decisions are accepted without dispute.

Players' Conduct

Any player who shows dissent by word or action, or behaves in an irresponsible manner which may bring the game into disrepute is liable to disciplinary action by the referee which should be supported by the captain and manager.

Spirit of the Game

The Spirit of the Game involves showing RESPECT for:

- Your opponents and their team officials
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the referee and assistant referees
- Supporters and spectators OF ALL AGES
- The Game's traditional values



It is AGAINST the Spirit of the Game

- To protest against the referee's decisions by word or action
- To use offensive, abusive or insulting language or gestures towards any person before, during or after a match, including spectators
- To indulge in cheating, gamesmanship, time-wasting or any other unsporting behaviour
- To advance towards, or react to, a referee in an aggressive manner

Violence

There is NO PLACE for any ACT OF VIOLENCE on the field of play.

Players

Captains, managers and officials together set the tone for the conduct of a football match.

EVERY PLAYER IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS



***play hard,
play fair***

