



# RUNCORN SAXONS FC



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## PLAYER RULES & RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

This policy is fully supported by the Club Committee Officers who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

**WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL I WILL:**

1. Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
2. Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
3. Respect my team mates, the other team, the referee, my coach, and my manager
4. Play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
5. Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other players and the referee at the end of the game
6. Listen and respond to what my coach / manager tells me
7. Not use bad language or be aggressive towards my team mates, opposition, spectators, or match officials
8. Always take into consideration the wellbeing of other players and never deliberately injure another player before, during or after a game
9. Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not for one player
10. Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything
11. **Wear appropriate shin pads** that meet the Club's safety requirements at every training session, friendly and match

**SHIN PAD SAFETY POLICY (U18 PLAYERS)**

To support player safety and comply with FA guidance, the Club has introduced the following mandatory requirement:

1. **Micro or Mini shin pads are banned** for all players under 18
2. Shin pads **must cover a good portion of the shin** and **carry a CE safety mark**
3. Any player not wearing appropriate shin protection will **not be allowed to train or play** until the issue is corrected
4. This policy is non-negotiable and applies to all training sessions, matches, and club events

**I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THIS CODE I MAY:**

Be required to apologise to my team mates, the other team, the referee, the coach, or the manager

1. Receive a formal warning from the club
2. Be left out of the team or substituted
3. Be suspended from training
4. Be required to leave the club after investigation and have my Club registration terminated
5. Be asked to leave with immediate effect if offence is deemed by the Club Committee as gross misconduct

**Social Media:** Your actions on any social media or messaging platforms may have serious consequences and repercussions for the club or its volunteers. Specifically (but not limited to), any of the following related issues connected in any way to Runcorn Saxons FC and its volunteers will be deemed a breach of the code of conduct: Negative comments, inappropriate images, bullying, criticism, racism, sexist, or derogatory remarks. This not only impacts negatively on the people they are about, but they also reflect badly on yourself, your parents, your team and on Runcorn Saxons FC that you represent. If you are found to have acted improperly on any social media or messaging platforms by specifically breaching any of this part of this code of conduct regarding a football or a Club related matter, **then a zero-tolerance approach will be taken by the Club Committee.**

Failure to adhere to any part of these codes of conduct may result in player expulsion from the Club and registration withdrawal following investigation by a designated Club discipline committee.

In the case of Gross Misconduct as detailed (but not limited to) the points below, the registration of the player will be withdrawn with **immediate effect** by the Club Committee:

- Threat of, or actual violent behaviour to any player, official, spectator or representative of the Club or their opponents
- Threat or actual sexual misconduct to any player, official, spectator or representative of the Club or their opponents
- Actual damage to property belonging to the Club, or any premises or equipment being used by or on behalf of the Club
- Serious written or verbal abuse to any player, official, spectator or representative of the Club or their opponents

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