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PRIMARY LEAGUE
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Hart Football Club

CODE OF CONDUCT TOWARDS REFEREES

The Code

- The Referee must be contacted by the home team, for a game at the weekend, by Wednesday night at the very latest, or the referee will be reassigned to another match.
- On arrival at the venue, the Referee should be greeted by both the home and away team managers.
- The Referee must be offered his fee prior to the kick off.
- The Assistant Referee, offered by both the away and home team, must be of an acceptable standard and preferably have attended an Assistant Referee's course organised by the League.
- At half time, the Referee should be offered refreshments.
- The Referee will be treated with the utmost respect from both home and away parents, throughout the game.
- At the end of the game, the Referee should be thanked for his time, by both team managers whether their team won or lost.

Why is The Code necessary?

- It is becoming more and more difficult to recruit young referees.
- A large number of referees give up due to poor treatment received during a game.
- There will be fewer referees active at the end of the season than there were at the start.
- The poorest qualified referee that you believe you have seen officiating is infinitely better than one of the opposition's parents.
- Referees do it because they enjoy it, not for the financial rewards.
- Referees are human and have feelings
- They will make mistakes, like everyone else, but they will not do it intentionally.

Failure to observe The Code!

- All Referees will be directed to report, to the League, or either Referees Secretary, if the code of conduct is not followed or if any insulting, offensive or obscene language is directed towards them by the supporters, or is used during the game by supporters, excessively.
- If a team is reported they can expect not to be allocated a referee for their next fixture or be subject to a fine or both.
- If a team is reported twice, they can expect not to be allocated a Referee for the next month or be subject to a fine or both.
- If they are reported three times, they will not be allocated a Referee for the remainder of the season or be subject to a fine or both.
- As it has been stated before, there will not be enough referees to go round, so they will be allocated to those teams who treat them in a satisfactory manner i.e. with respect and consideration.

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