

# CIFA CODE OF CONDUCT

## *Spectators*

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Within the Cayman Islands Football Association, the behaviour of all involved in the game is the biggest concern. This includes the abuse of match officials, the unacceptable behaviour of players, and over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline. Players want a referee for every game, yet every year we lose officials because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The Cayman Islands Football Association's (the "Association") Code of Conduct in everything you do.

### **On and off the field, I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators ;
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission;
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials;
- Never engage in public criticism of the Association's officials and staff; and

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league or the Cayman Islands Football Association:**

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club, league or CIFA official
- Required to meet with a club, league or CIFA Official
- Required to meet with the CIFA Disciplinary Committee
- Obligated to undertake a CIFA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the Association
- Requested by the Club or CIFA not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my Club or CIFA membership removed
- Required to leave the Club or CIFA along with any dependents.

In addition:

- CIFA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.

