

MERSTHAM FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Merstham FC is a family club open to all and we make every effort to make everyone feel welcome when they come to The Hybrid Fitness Stadium.

We have a growing reputation for passionate support both at home and away. We want to keep building on that, while ensuring that we don't cross the boundary between passionate and unacceptable. We want to show respect to all, especially when we are away from home.

We understand football is a passionate game and supporters will have their own way of expressing their support and reactions. This is acceptable and welcomed as it often adds positively to the match day experience. We want our supporters to be welcomed at any ground that we visit.

However, the Club will not tolerate unacceptable conduct at our ground nor at away football stadiums. Unacceptable conduct brings the Club's excellent reputation into disrepute.

Merstham FC expects all of our supporters to conduct themselves in a way that represents the values of the Club. Conduct which jeopardises the safety and enjoyment of others, or is likely to bring the Club into disrepute is not acceptable and will not be tolerated..

Unacceptable conduct is conduct considered to be disrespectful, violent or disorderly.

- Disrespectful conduct includes ignoring the instructions of stewards, or officials of our own club or clubs that we are visiting. It also includes threatening or abusive language or behaviour towards said officials.
- Violent or dangerous conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property, or the use of flares, fireworks or similar banned items in football grounds.
- Disorderly conduct includes that which is designed to create hatred or ill will towards individuals or groups (including displaying anything which is abusive or insulting based on their:
 - o Gender, colour, race or religion
 - o Sexual orientation
 - o Transgender identity or disability

In respect of any individual who is guilty of a football related offence or is in breach of FA Ground Regulations either at The Hybrid Fitness Stadium or when visiting other stadia the club will take appropriate action.

Let's all enjoy watching the games together and getting behind the Moatsiders in a way that reflects positively on us all.

Merstham FC Board of Directors

