



Walsall Junior Youth Football League Season 2023/24

Respect Marshall Working in partnership with Club and League Codes of Conduct

Respect Marshall

The Respect Marshall Role has been introduced across all youth leagues in the county of Staffordshire.

Respect Marshalls have a positive influence in creating a safe and enjoyable environment for young people to enjoy their football.

Your participation in the role of Respect Marshall is primarily to support the Referee, Team Manager and Coaches in promoting the Respect agenda and to **remind your own parents and spectators of their responsibility to adhere to your Club and League Codes of Conduct.**

The Respect Marshall should **not** be someone who comes into conflict with others and should be there to remind all that this is a youth game.

Respect Marshall Role

Each team **must** have a Respect Marshall who can be easily identified at matches by wearing the fluorescent Respect Bib.

This is a **non-confrontational role**. If a Marshall cannot resolve an issue easily, they must **report it**. This can be to the Team Manager, Referee, Club, Centre Manager, League or FA as appropriate.

The Respect Marshall will monitor the actions of their own supporters only. The opposition supporters must be dealt with by their own Marshall.

The Respect Marshall should help to maintain a positive environment for the players.

Referees, Team Managers/Coaches and Clubs

The Referee is in charge of the match and makes all decisions regarding all aspects of the game to be played. This should ensure that the safety and wellbeing of players and officials is paramount.

Team Manager/Coach should remember that they have a responsibility for the conduct of all their players and spectators in attendance at a game.

The Club should ensure that all players and parents have seen and signed a Club Code of Conduct which outlines the expectations of the behaviour during the season. Failure to control spectators may lead to disciplinary action by the FA and League.

Respect Marshalls are appointed by teams to help to monitor the highest standards of behaviour possible from spectators.

Respect Marshalls need to be honest, fair and observant. Respect Marshalls should write clear notes from incidents as soon as possible after an issue including actual language used for reporting purposes.