



**KEEP
CALM
AND
RESPECT
OTHERS**



Spirit of the games: Respect

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it."

Showing respect towards other people is one of the most important values we can learn and demonstrate every day.

It is a way of caring for others, and improves people's levels of happiness by making things more peaceful. When there is no respect problems always happen!

We can show respect on and off the sporting pitch everyday by taking action. This is an important way to be the best person that we can be.

To show respect we can:

- Listen to others
- Play fairly, honestly and always to the best of my ability
- Use good manners such as please, thank-you and excuse me
- Wait your turn
- Compliment someone rather than teasing or gossiping
- Be patient with yourself and others when a mistake is made

The Football Association have a respect code of conduct which is very important for football!

Here is a really good example of a professional footballer respecting himself, other people and the game of football by playing fairly and honestly:



Miroslav Klose admitting handball

After just three minutes of his Lazio side's Series A match against Napoli in 2011, Germany international Miroslav Klose appeared to give the away side the lead with a header. However, with Napoli defenders protesting to the referee (who had awarded the goal), Klose approached the official and informed him that the ball had struck his hand.

After the goal was disallowed, Napoli's players warmly thanked the forward for his honesty, and Lazio eventually lost the game 3-0. It also drew praise from FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who commented on Twitter: "Bravo Miro Klose. With your gesture you have shown yourself to be a champion and a proper player."