

A step by step guide to RESPECT

The National Game

At Thursday's meeting local affiliated leagues and clubs were invited to sign-up to RESPECT by introducing the following steps into their matches and club management:

Step 1: Codes of conduct for players, referees, coaches and spectators, which set down basic principles that everyone must sign and adhere to

Step 2: Designated Spectators' Areas defined by touchline RESPECT barriers, to keep spectators back from the pitch

Step 3: Captains taking responsibility for their players and becoming the main point of contact for the referee

Step 4: Referees managing the game and dealing with any open show of dissent

The Professional Game

The Premier League, Football League, League Manager's Association and Professional Footballers Association have all openly recognised the impact that top level football can have on the game at grassroots level. As a result, all have bought into the RESPECT programme in the following ways:

Step 1: Pre-match briefing meeting's between the referee, manager or senior member of the coaching staff and captains

Step 2: Teams shaking hands before kick-off

Step 3: Referees managing the game and dealing firmly with any open show of dissent, with captain's taking greater responsibility for the conduct of their team

Step 4: Improving behaviour in the technical area, including prohibiting the use of Television monitors

More details on the RESPECT programme can be found at NorfolkFA.com or TheFA.com/Respect