

## Playing Priorities

We want to encourage children to excel in their school work first and foremost, whilst having an active involvement in team games with plenty of fun mixed with exercise.

There are also growing demands on children to play football for their school, district, county, club and 'schools of excellence' it can difficult to decide which should come first and it is easy to see why some people say that children play too much football today.

It has always been the case that school, district and county representation should come first. It is then up to the loyalties and ambitions of the children themselves which of the next two, club or 'school of excellence', should come next in their order of priority.

We would make the point that no child should play two games on one day and that ideally there should be a minimum rest period of 24 hours between games, if we are to take our children's interests and health seriously. It is not a good idea to train on a Friday evening and play on a Saturday morning, so children or parents should really let the manager know what other games they are playing during the week and weekend. Kent representatives at schoolboy level should not play football games within two days of a Kent match. Parents and players should exercise common sense in these matters.

Fortunately, the IPL league for 'Under 8 and Under 9' have a 'roll-on-roll-off' substitution policy, which means the manager can recognise any tiredness and take a player off for a period and have the option to bring them back on at a later stage.

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## Code of Conduct

**KEM Youth FC** - Youth Football Club supports the principles of the Football Association Rule Number 42 relating to Fair Play in Football.

Every Person; whether player, official or supporter is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner at all times. Players are expected to play the game in accordance within the spirit of the laws. To accept all decisions without question and to be a credit to the club whether at 'Home' or 'Away'.

The use of foul or abusive language and the showing of dissent whether by word or by action is not acceptable to the club. In addition to any punitive measures imposed by the Governing Body, the management of the club reserves the right to take its own additional measures against persistent offenders.

Any club member who is the subject of disciplinary action which contains a financial liability will be required to reimburse the Club in full any monies which may be paid on their behalf. The Club will support any member if it feels that the disciplinary action is unjustified.

Membership to this club is consequent upon any person's unreserved acceptance of this code.

**Emmanuel Oladipo** - Chairman