

# HAMSTREET YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB 3 STRIKE POLICY

HYFC operates a 3-strike behaviour system to monitor and tackle behaviour that goes against the morals and ethics of the football club.

### How are strikes issued?

Strikes can be issued by any member of the club committee, team managers, team coaches or parents acting in an official club role, for example as a referee.

Strikes are issued when something the player has done is deemed inappropriate or unsafe. These are outlines in our code of conduct for players and are also available on the club website.

#### First Strike

The first strike is a verbal warning. It is used to remind a player that they need to adhere to club rules. These can also be given to players who are misbehaving during training.

## Second Strike

After an initial verbal warning, a second strike may be issued which results in a cool down, or "sin bin" – usually for between 5-15 minutes, depending on the incident.. The player will sit out to cool off. For some offences, a player may be issued an immediate second strike.

#### Third Strike

Any player receiving a third strike during a session will immediately be asked to leave the session. We will discuss the behaviour with their parent or guardian and outline the issues that led to this strike. The player will then face a seven (7) day ban from training and matches in order to address their behaviour.

## Persistent Bad Behaviour

Any player who receives three strikes more than once during a six-month period will be asked to attend a behaviour council with our welfare officer and club chairman, where we discuss their suitability to remain with the club.