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1. If we sign up to Charter Standard League are we also signing up to the Respect programme?

Yes - part of the Charter Standard League's criteria is that the league delivers on all aspects of the **Respect** programme

2. If we sign up to the Respect programme do we automatically become a Charter Standard League?

No - The Charter Standard League Programme criteria cover a wider range of development areas than just **Respect** and may therefore require some additional work by the league.

3. If we are an adult league do we need to implement the designated spectator areas initiative?

No - this is optional for adult leagues. This is only mandatory for mini soccer and youth leagues.

4. How can we access funds to deliver the Charter Standard League and Respect Programmes e.g. Designated spectator areas?

Working with your CFA, there may be opportunities to access funding via the Football Foundation for designated spectator barriers. You may also wish to consider developing an overarching Football Foundation Small Grants- Grow the Game- project which, if successful, will fund elements of your Charter Standard League development plan. Also, your CFA may prioritise work with leagues to support the implementation of the plan.

5. Are we able to implement our own sanctions for clubs not complying with our League Code of Conduct?

There is very specific guidance regarding sanctions to ensure that they are fair and proportionate. For regular updates and advice on what clubs and leagues can do and what the County and The FA will do, go to www.TheFA.com/respect.

6. If we are a Charter Standard League do we need to complete a separate sign up process for the Respect programme?

Yes the league will have to register for the **Respect** Programme - but the paperwork is minimal.

7. Can a Charter Standard League introduce its own initiatives aimed at improving behaviour beyond the Respect programme?

Yes - it is recommended that you discuss these initiatives with the CFA, particularly the County Welfare Officer prior to including these in your Development Plan.



FAQs for Welfare Officers

1. Where can I find out about my role as a Youth League Welfare Officer and Respect?

There is a guidance note outlining your role in relation to **Respect** on TheFA.com/Respect

2. What is the role of the Welfare Officer within the Respect programme?

County FA Welfare Officers

- Provide support and guidance to the League and Club Welfare Officers
- Promote the **Respect** programme as part of the measures to create positive football experiences within the club
- Assist with dealing with incidents of poor and abusive behaviour

Youth League Welfare Officers

- Promote the **Respect** programme as part of the measures to create positive football experiences within the league
- Promote the **Respect** education programme
- Provide feedback as required via FA surveys and focus groups

Club Welfare Officers

- Welfare Officers are crucial in helping coaches, players and parents, in particular, understand why **Respect** is being introduced and what this means for them
- Ensure the **Respect** codes have been distributed and signed up to.
- Refer clubs and leagues to the County Welfare Officer and www.TheFA.com/respect to be guided as to how to deal with people if the **Respect** codes are broken
- Report repeated incidents of poor behaviour to the Youth League Welfare Officer (YLWO) or CFA Welfare Officer (CFA WO) as appropriate
- Promote the **Respect** programme as part of the measures to create positive football experiences within the club

