



**FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE**



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## LET'S MAKE FOOTBALL WELCOMING OF LGBT+ PEOPLE

### THINK ABOUT THE LANGUAGE YOU USE

Some language used to target opposition players or make fun of team mates can affect the mental health of LGBT+ people and make them and their friends feel put down.

Saying someone is 'gay', 'queer', a 'faggot' (or any other anti-LGBT+ term) just because they do something wrong on a football pitch or are having a bad game is offensive and disrespectful to LGBT+ people, even if it doesn't target them individually.

Using gender as a way to abuse people is also wrong. Saying men are 'playing like girls' or 'like women' not only offends women and girls, but can also make LGBT+ people feel uncomfortable too. Calling women and girls who are involved in football 'lesbians' or 'men' as a term of abuse is stereotyping and offensive.

### CHALLENGE ANTI-LGBT LANGUAGE & BEHAVIOUR

If you feel safe, always challenge language or behaviour that puts LGBT+ people down. Remember, saying nothing only allows prejudice and discrimination to get worse.

### REPORT IT

Targeting people because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity is against the law and against the Rules of the Game. You can report any anti-LGBT+ behaviour in grassroots football via your County FA or via Kick It Out by:

- Calling 0800 169 9414 (freephone)
- Downloading the app for your android or apple device
- Visiting the website [www.kickitout.org](http://www.kickitout.org)
- Tweeting @kickitout or @kickitoutreport
- Sending a private message to [www.facebook.com/kickitoutofficial/](https://www.facebook.com/kickitoutofficial/)

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