



## Codes of Behaviour

It is vital that all players, parents, spectators, coaches administrators and match officials associated with Soccer Games act in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of the club, the FFV, Football federation Australia (FFA) and football generally. Therefore the club has implemented the following codes of behaviour.

Failure to adhere to these codes may result in expulsion from the club and its grounds.

### PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Play by the Rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team of the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the right, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

# SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the decision of the Match officials and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect to your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
8. Do not use foul or abusive language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
10. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of the club, the FFV, Football federation Australia (FFA) and football generally.

# COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
2. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team;
3. Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm,
4. Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
5. Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field;
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
8. Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
9. Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
10. Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play;
11. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
12. Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;
13. Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
14. Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
15. Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
16. Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

# ADMINISTRATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making process in the club network;
2. Give all children equal opportunities to participate;
3. Ensure the rules, equipment, length of games and training principles suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants;
4. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players;
5. Remember that children will only continue with football, provided they enjoy their experience, so do not over-emphasise awards;
6. Help coaches and match officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;
7. Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not a winning at all costs approach;
8. Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members will expect you to set an example for others;
9. Support the implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy;
10. Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

# MATCH OFFICIALS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
2. Praise and encourage all participants;
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
4. Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents;
5. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects;
6. Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members;
7. Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words;
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing;
9. Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.