



Code of Conduct

Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the Rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition
- 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.
- If a Red Card is issued, to any player for code of conduct breach, the club shall make the player pay the fine associated with the FFV fine imposed plus an admin fee of \$25 for any tribunal correspondence.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team of the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

Parents Code of Conduct

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.



- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

Spectator Code of Conduct

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decision of the Match officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect to your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul or abusive language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;



- 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.

Coach's Code of Conduct

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure that everyone is treated equally.
- Ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- Respect all players' individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to your team, and yourself, that you will continue to improve your own knowledge of the game through coach education and various training programs. Coach your players to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of Soccer (Football).
- Avoid any physical contact with the players, and should it be required ensure it is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your players. Be aware of any forms of abuse directed towards players from other sources while they are in your care.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards your players.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- Do not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- Refrain from arguing with the referee and / or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.



- Treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect

Administrator's Code of Conduct

- Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making process in the club network;
- Give all children equal opportunities to participate.
- Ensure the rules, equipment, length of games and training principles suit the age, ability, and maturity level of participants.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that children will only continue with football, provided they enjoy their experience, so do not over-emphasise awards;
- Help coaches and match officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;
- Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not a winning at all costs approach;
- 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;
- Support the implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

Match Official's Code of Conduct

- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
- Praise and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
- Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects;
- Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members;
- Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words;



- Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing;
- Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.