



## WEAR THE BADGE WITH PRIDE

*"Your Behaviour Is Our Reputation"*

# Junior Players, Coaches and Parents

### Young Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why Football Federation Australia is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

#### When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust, my coach, or a member of the Executive Committee if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

#### If you do not wear the badge with pride you may:

- Be required to apologise to your Team, the Coach, the Referee, the other Club or the Executive Committee.
- Receive a written warning or infraction notice from the club committee
- Be suspended from training, playing or spectating
- Be fined
- Be expelled from the Club.

#### In addition:

My club or competition administrator may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct

The competition administrator could impose a fine, suspension or loss of competition points against my team or club.

### Parents and Carers

Parents and Carers have a responsibility to support your child's football activities in a positive way on and off the field. This includes being a role model and encouraging good behaviour in not only your own child but also their team mates, coach, manager and other spectators.

Supporting your child and their team is encouraged, but it needs to be done in a positive and supportive way in a harassment-free environment.

#### As a parent I will:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children 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 performance 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.

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- Your child may be suspended or expelled.



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## Senior Players Code of Conduct

- Senior players all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the club.
- You are the role models that our kids aspire to be.
- Your behavior on and off the pitch is what our club is judged on.
- **Don't be the one that lets the Team Down!!**

### **On and off the field, I will:**

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

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## Match Officials Code of Conduct

If you have a whistle or a flag in your hand on game day, thank you! you are doing your bit to make this club great.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

### **As a game official, you will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

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