



# CODE OF CONDUCT

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## Parents /Spectators

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force participation upon them.
- Focus on your children's efforts and self-esteem rather than whether they win or lose
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or if their team loses a game.
- Remember children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse or vilification from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators – without whom your child could not participate.
- Respect umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Remember smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.
- Assist where possible when asked by Coaches / Team Managers / Club Officials. Community Clubs rely heavily on the support of their own members. Your contribution is vital to continued

## Players

- Play by the rules: they are there for the good of all.
- Never argue with an official: if you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach or teacher after the game.
- Control your temper: verbal abuse, racial or religious vilification of other players, and provoking an opponent or the other team are never appropriate.
- Be a good sport: applaud all good plays by your team, opponent or the opposition team.

- Treat all players fairly: treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate willingly: cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Play for fun: Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Care for and respect the property of the Mt Barker Football club

### Coaches' Code of Conduct

- Ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- Be supportive at all times and refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players.
- Have due consideration for the varying maturity and ability levels of players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and offactors relating to the welfare of players.
- At all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Promote a culturally tolerant environment
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility
- Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices
- Implement policy and practices (and lead by example) in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Care for and respect the property of the Mt Barker Football club