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Code of Conduct Parents

Parents have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football, positive encouragement will contribute to:

- children enjoying football;
- a sense of personal achievement;
- self-esteem; and
- improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- other players;
- officials;
- managers; and
- parents.
- 1. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game.
- 2. Remember that children should be playing football primarily for their own enjoyment. Do not put pressure on the children.
- 3. Place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- 4. Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results.
- 5. Parents must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 6. Stand well back when watching matches and stay behind any barriers or lines that are designated for that purpose and do not stand behind the goals.
- 7. No offensive, abusive or insulting remarks shall be made toward any player, official, or parent.
- 8. Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the manager/coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
- 9. Parents should seek clarification of exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from the coach.
- 10. Discuss any concerns about training or matches with the coach or manager in private.
- 11. Respect the referees decisions at all times and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- 12. Ensure that your child arrives at the designated location for matches or training at the time requested by the manager or coach.
- 13. Inform the manager if there has been a change in your child's medical condition.
- 14. Ensure that suitable kit is worn by your child.
- 15. Keep club facilities, including kit, in good condition.
- 16. Ensure that all requisite forms are filled in correctly.
- 17. Pay any subscriptions or fees on time.
- 18. Provide assistance to the manager, in whatever capacity is required.
- 19. Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach.