

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that Football is free from bullying, verbal, and physical abuse and that it is played in a fair and safe environment.

As leaders and role models, parents/carers must model the behaviour that they expect their children to follow. It is essential that **YOU** play your part and follow this Code of Conduct always.

## PARENTS /CARERS

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants always.
2. Never ridicule, criticise or unduly reprimand a junior player for making a mistake. They do not play intending to make mistakes.
3. Encourage your child to participate for their own interest and enjoyment.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Focus on encouraging your child to develop their skills, playing, and enjoying the game and doing their best. Take the emphasis away from winning.
6. Set an example by always role modelling respectful and positive behaviour. Applaud good play by all players and teams.
7. Accept decisions made by the Referees. They are trying to do their best.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical altercations at games.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
10. Follow the 'Play by the Rules' guidelines at [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)



**I understand that I have a responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct and accept that if I breach this Code of Conduct, sanctions, including the following, may be imposed.**

1. Be required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.

2. Be required to attend a meeting with club officials.
3. Be counselled, suspended, or expelled by the club.
4. Appear at a disciplinary hearing and receive sanctions imposed by Football SA.



## JUNIORS PLAYERS

All players want to enjoy Football and to play in a fair and safe environment. As players we all have a responsibility to play our part and follow this Code of Conduct always.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Respect all participants at always.
2. Respect and follow the directions of your Team Officials.
3. Accept and follow the decisions of the Referees.
4. Play to the best of your ability with an emphasis on skill development and enjoyment.
5. Never verbally abuse or use physical violence at games.
6. Support your players, they are all trying their best.
7. Be respectful whether you win or lose. Acknowledge the other team and Referee at the end of the game.
8. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at your club speak to someone you trust.

**I understand that I must follow this Code of Conduct and that if I do not, I may be...**

1. Required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.
2. Spoken to by the coach or club.
3. Prevented from playing.
4. Suspended from all club activities.
5. Asked to leave the club.
6. Required to attend a disciplinary hearing and may have sanctions imposed on me by Football SA.



Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that our game is free of verbal and physical abuse and bullying; and that it can be played and watched in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Everyone involved in Football has a shared responsibility to be respectful to everyone that contributes to the sport, whether it be as a Player, Referee, Team Official/Volunteer and Spectators.

Football SA has developed Code of Conducts for all participants of the sport and it is a requirement that they are adhered to.



As a spectator attending a game, or otherwise involved in any activity conducted or sanctioned by the club, association, and/or the Football SA you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct:

1. Respect the decisions of Match Officials.
2. Refrain from ridiculing, harassing or bullying behaviour;
3. Refrain from ridiculing or reprimanding a junior player for making a mistake.
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
5. Refrain from using violence in any form against any person, whether they be spectators, team officials, coaches, match officials, players, or spectators.
6. Refrain from engaging in discrimination, harassment, or abuse in any form, including but not limited to the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence, or participation in indecent or racist chanting.

7. Comply with all terms of entry into a venue, including bag inspections, bans on the possession of prohibited and restricted items such as drugs, alcohol, flares, missiles, dangerous articles, and items with a potential to cause injury or public nuisance.
8. Refrain from any attempt to bring into a venue offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or any other language.
9. Refrain from throwing missiles, including on to the field of play or at spectators.
10. Remain off the field of play or its surrounds unless you have lawful authority to enter.
11. Conduct yourself in a manner that enhances the reputation and goodwill of the club, association, the Football SA and Football generally.



**I accept** that I have a responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct. **I understand** that if I breach that Code Of Conduct, I may be:

1. Requested to refrain from such behaviour.
2. Requested to leave the venue.
3. Removed from the venue.
4. Suspended from attending future games.
5. Required to face disciplinary action by the Club, local association, and/or the Football SA.
6. Faced with legal action.