



Fishburn Community Football Club Parents Code of Conduct

At Fishburn Community Football Club (FCFC), we strive to create a positive and supportive environment for all our young players. To ensure the best experience for everyone involved, we ask that parents and guardians adhere to the following code of conduct:

Respect and Sportsmanship

1. **Positive Support:** Encourage all players, not just your own child. Applaud effort, good play, and sportsmanship by both teams.
2. **Respect Officials:** Accept decisions made by referees and officials without argument. Understand that they are an essential part of the game and doing their best to ensure fair play.
3. **Respect Coaches:** Trust the coaches' decisions regarding team selection, tactics, and player development. Their aim is to benefit the team and individual players.

Behaviour and Attitude

4. **Positive Role Model:** Demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times. Avoid negative comments, abusive language, and aggressive behaviour.
5. **Constructive Feedback:** Offer constructive criticism rather than negative feedback. Focus on what players did well and how they can improve.
6. **Encouraging Effort:** Emphasise the importance of effort and enjoyment over winning. Celebrate personal and team progress.

Communication

7. **Open Dialogue:** Communicate any concerns or issues directly with the coaches or club officials in a respectful manner.
8. **Supportive Community:** Promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for all families and participants. Avoid gossip and negative discussions about players, coaches, or other parents.

Commitment and Responsibility

9. **Punctuality:** Ensure your child attends practices, games, and team events on time. Notify coaches in advance if your child is unable to attend.
10. **Preparedness:** Make sure your child is properly equipped and ready to participate in all activities (e.g., appropriate footwear, water bottle, and any required gear).

11. **Volunteering:** Offer help and support to the club when needed, whether through volunteering for events, assisting with team activities, or contributing to the club's development.

Safety and Welfare

12. **Well-being:** Prioritise your child's health and safety. Inform coaches of any medical conditions or injuries that may affect your child's participation.
13. **Supervision:** Ensure that young children are supervised at all times and not left unattended during club activities.

Social Media

14. **Responsible Use:** Use social media responsibly when discussing club activities. Refrain from posting negative or inflammatory comments about players, coaches, or officials.
15. **Privacy Respect:** Respect the privacy of players and families by not sharing personal information or images without consent.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, parents and guardians contribute to a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants at Fishburn Community Football Club. We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining these standards.