



## **Fishburn Community Football Club Code of Conduct**

### **Respect and Sportsmanship:**

- a. Treat all teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect and fairness, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or ability.
- b. Avoid any form of verbal or physical abuse, including offensive language, gestures, or actions.
- c. Shake hands with opponents before and after matches as a sign of good sportsmanship.
- d. Accept decisions made by referees and officials without dispute or dissent.

### **Commitment and Attendance:**

- a. Attend all team training sessions, matches, and club events unless there are unavoidable circumstances.
- b. Inform the team manager or coach in advance if unable to attend any scheduled event.
- c. Be punctual for training sessions and matches, allowing time for warm-up and preparation.

### **Personal Conduct:**

- a. Conduct oneself in a manner that reflects positively on the team, the club, and the local community.
- b. Follow all club and team rules, policies, and guidelines.
- c. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the club into disrepute, such as substance abuse or illegal activities.
- d. Dress appropriately for matches and official club events, wearing the team kit with pride.

### **Team Unity and Cooperation:**

- a. Support and encourage teammates, promoting a positive and inclusive team environment.
- b. Work together as a team during training sessions and matches, respecting the decisions and strategies of the coach.
- c. Communicate openly and constructively with teammates, coaches, and club officials.
- d. Accept constructive feedback and use it to improve personal performance and contribute to the team's success.

### **Fair Play and Competition:**

- a. Play within the laws of the game and compete fairly at all times.
- b. Avoid any form of cheating, diving, or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- c. Encourage fair play among opponents, and do not engage in gamesmanship or attempts to deceive referees.
- d. Accept victories with humility and losses with grace, displaying good sportsmanship in all circumstances.

**Responsibility and Health:**

- a. Take responsibility for personal fitness, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and being physically prepared for training and matches.
- b. Follow the guidance of the team's medical staff and coaches regarding injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- c. Report any injuries or health concerns promptly to the team's medical staff and seek appropriate medical attention when needed.

**Social Media and Publicity:**

- a. Exercise caution when using social media platforms, ensuring that posts and comments do not bring the club or teammates into disrepute.
- b. Seek permission from the club and team officials before granting interviews or participating in media activities representing the club.

**Compliance with Club Policies:**

- a. Familiarise yourself with and abide by all club policies, including those related to anti-discrimination, safeguarding, and code of conduct.
- b. Report any breaches of the code of conduct or concerns about the behaviour of teammates, coaches, or officials to the club management.

By adhering to this code of conduct, we will uphold the values of Fishburn Community Football Club and promote a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment for all players and participants.

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Name

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Signed

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Chris Ainscough (Chairman)

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Daniel Dowson (Secretary)