

Codes of Conduct

1. Collaroy Cromer Strikers Football Club Code of Conduct
2. MWFA Code of Conduct
3. FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour

From the 2008 CC Strikers Constitution: Appendix 3 – Codes of Acceptable Conduct

ADMINISTRATORS & OFFICIALS

- Give all children an equal chance to participate
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of players. Provide quality supervision and instruction for players. Remember that children participate for enjoyment. Don't over-emphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviours and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating. Ensure everyone involved in junior sport emphasise fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Give a Code of Conduct sheet to officials, coaches, players, parents and spectators and encourage them to stick to it.
- Think before you speak. Don't say anything that could disadvantage anyone within your club or association.
- Compliment and encourage all players.
- For referees: Be consistent and objective and courteous when making decisions. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than error.
- Be a good sport yourself. *Actions speak louder than words.*

COACHES

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to always follow the rules, which are unbreakable.
- Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just-average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain; coach or manager talk the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be your team, opponent or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS

- Encourage children to participate. Do not force them. Remember that organised sport is for children's enjoyment not yours.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules and **official's** decisions.
- Never ridicule or yell at a children making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- Remember that children learn better by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Respect for your team's opponents without them there would be no game.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.



MWFA Code of Conduct - Coach and Manager

As a coach or manager of a team registered in a Manly-Warringah Football Association competition, using reasonable endeavours and to the best of my ability, I will;

- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun;
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning;
- Be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
- Operate within the written laws and spirit of the game at all times and teach my players to do the same I will not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behaviour to players;
- Be responsible for the sportsmanship and actions of my players before, during and after a game. If one of my players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive I will take appropriate actions to reinforce educating the player about unacceptable conduct. I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation;
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care;
- Ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities;
- Avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the other players need and deserve equal time where my team does not consist of players over 18 years of age.
- Not unnecessarily borrow players from other teams to the detriment of the participation of players of my team and especially for the sole purpose of winning a game.
- Not knowingly play an illegal player including unregistered players or suspended players.
- Not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee or other match official, whether on or off the field, or a coach, manager or other team official;
- Not use bad language nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background. I will not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult or humiliate another participant on the grounds of the religion, sexual orientation, disability, race, colour or national or ethnic origin of the person;
- Take all reasonable steps to establish a safe environment for my players and ensure equipment is appropriate to the age and ability of all players;
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will not abuse, threaten or intimidate any person associated with the game on or off the field. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players;
- Not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches;
- Not allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions;
- Not violate the principles of the Amateur soccer by recruiting or attempting to recruit players from other MWFA Clubs and ensure that FFA regulations regarding the payment of Amateur players, which are stated in the FFA regulations, are followed at all times.
- Remain in the technical area or, if not marked, near the halfway line during the course of a game and conduct myself in a spirit of good sportsmanship at all times within this area. Not enter the field of play without the referee's permission;
- Not by my actions on the sideline incite disruptive behaviour by spectators;
- Take all reasonable steps to control the behaviour of the parents and spectators of my team in the vicinity of the ground before during and after the game. Where this does not prove possible I will escalate the issue to the Club and/or MWFA for action.

The applicability of each of these requirements is determined by its age appropriateness for the team.

Please keep a copy of this page for your reference information during the season.

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SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or an affiliated Member Federation, District Association or Club must:

- (a) respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- (b) never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- (c) respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- (d) not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- (e) not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- (f) comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- (g) not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
- (h) not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- (i) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future Matches.