



## AUSTRAL SOCCER CLUB Inc

### Codes of Conduct

The following codes of conduct are provided as a guide for players, coaches and parents..

#### Players Code of Behaviour

- ❖ All players are to attend training with proper soccer attire and footwear.
- ❖ Training will commence on time and players are requested to be on schedule. Please notify team manager if unable to make on time.
- ❖ Misbehaviour of players will not be tolerated. Verbal abuse of players, deliberately distracting or provoking opponents are not acceptable or permitted.
- ❖ Be a good sport.
- ❖ Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ❖ Respect your coach, team mates and opponents.
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.

#### Parents Code of Behaviour

- ❖ Please respect the coach's decisions. Parents must address all questions through the team manager or club president.
- ❖ Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to violence or hostility.
- ❖ Never ridicule or yell at a child be it yours or the opponents for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ❖ Remember that children learn from example. Appreciate a good performance and skillful plays by all participants.
- ❖ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ❖ Respect officials decisions and teach children to do likewise
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.

#### Coaches Code of Behaviour

- ❖ Remember that as a coach you represent a role model. Never teach young players bad habits.
- ❖ Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or for conceding.
- ❖ Be reasonable in your demands on players' time energy and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Avoid overplaying talented players at the sub junior level, 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 all players
- ❖ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- ❖ Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the players' skill development.
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.

#### Administrators Code of Behaviour

- ❖ Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee & administrator
- ❖ Ensure that rules, equipment, length games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players
- ❖ Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players
- ❖ Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasize awards.
- ❖ Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- ❖ Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasizes fair play and not winning at all costs.

#### Breaches of Codes of Conducts.

Any breaches of the code of conduct will be referred to the committee for an appropriate course of action. Minor infringements may result in a formal letter of warning being issued. Continuous infringements of the same nature will result in match bans and ultimately exclusion from the club.

Severe infringements such as violent or threatening behaviour to players/coaches/ parents etc will result in expulsion from the club. **Inappropriate parental behaviour will adversely affect the children as the entire family may be asked to leave the club.**