



## **Bacchus Marsh Soccer Club**

### **Code of Conduct**

The Australian Government Sports Commission and the Commission for children and young people have produced codes of conduct, which have been incorporated into the Bacchus Marsh Soccer Club.

#### **ALL PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Adhere to our Child Safe Policy and club policies
- Take all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Treat everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing ideas and opinions
- Welcome all children, their families and carers and be inclusive
- Respect cultural, religious and political differences and acting in a culturally sensitive way
- Model appropriate adult behaviour
- Listen to children and respond to them appropriately
- Report and act on any breaches of this Code of Conduct, complaints or concerns to club committee members
- Comply with guidelines on physical contact with children
- Work with children in an open and transparent way – other adults should always know about the work you are doing with children
- Respect the privacy of children and their families and only disclose information to people that need to know
- Do not seek to use children in any way to meet the needs of adults
- Do not ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosure of child abuse

- Do not use oppressive behaviour, language or prejudice towards children
- Do not engage in rough physical games
- Do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
- Do not initiate unnecessary physical contact with a child or do things of a personal nature that the child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Do not develop 'special' relationships with specific children or show favoritism through the provision of gifts or inappropriate attention
- Do not exchange personal contact details such as phone numbers, social networking sites or email addresses with children
- Do not have unauthorized contact with children and young people online or by phone

### **PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game
- Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match officials during a break in play or after the match is concluded
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other player deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition
- 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, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition

- Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time

### **PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, and not yours
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and spirit of the game;
- Encourage all children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing)
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise
- Show respect and appreciation to Club volunteers, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels
- Smart Supporting' – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and at all times positive;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline

## **COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember that children participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or being in a losing team
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and laws of the games
- Whenever possible, change the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success
- Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria) and the principles of growth and development in children
- Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

### **OFFICIALS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;
- Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs;
- Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others;
- Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

### **SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember all children play football for their enjoyment, not just yours
- Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome
- Respect the match official's decisions on the day and teach children to do the same
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake before, during or after the game, as this may deter that child from continuing in the sport
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect to both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official
- Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club officials or spectators

References: [www.ccyp.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au)  
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