



Williamstown Soccer Club

Spectators & Parents Code of Behavior

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. Encourage children to participate and have fun. Focus on their effort and performance. Not the result
- c) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, color, 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 recognized 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 onto 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 Behavior or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future Matches.

Coaches Code of Behavior

- a) Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- b) Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- c) Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- d) Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- e) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm
- f) Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game
- g) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- h) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- i) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official
- j) 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
- k) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- l) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- m) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- n) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every Match
- o) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline
- p) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

Failure to follow the Coaches, Spectator or Parent code of behavior can lead to you being banned from the club.