



AUSTRALIND SENIOR SOCCER CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

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V2016		2016 Season Kick Meeting	New Document
V2019	17/02/2019	Executive Committee Meeting	None
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SCOPE

The Australind Senior Soccer Club (ASSC) acknowledges that it is vital that all players, parents, spectators, coaches, administrators, and match officials, associated with the football club act in a manner that enhances, rather than harms, the reputation and goodwill of the football club, the association and football in general.

The following Code of Conduct and Ethics outlined the codes of behaviour expected from all persons involved with the club and the disciplinary action to be taken if there is a failure to adhere to the code.

Football should be a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environment and the club should promote individual participation across the organisation. This Code of Conduct ensures that everyone involved in the club, be it players, coaches, officials, spectators and/or parents, behave in a manner of respectfulness, fairness, and positivity.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct and Ethics, the club will not only promote itself as a strong family and community minded organisation but also provide positive experiences to its Junior Soccer Club in developing their attitudes and enjoyment of football while contributing to the general wellbeing of everyone involved in the sport.

CHOOSE RESPECT

The Australind Senior Soccer Club has adopted the *CHOOSE RESPECT* program as a key initiative to promote appropriate and respectful behaviour by all people who are members or associates of the club. The *Choose Respect* program has been adopted by many local communities and schools and the adoption of the program by the ASSC aims to build on this foundation.

The underlying principles of *Choose Respect* is that respect is a learned behaviour and that everyone can make a conscious decision to respect others. People learn to respect by observing the behaviours of others and also by specifically instructed in how to show respect and how to respond to disrespect.

Within sport behaviours are observed and shown by older players, coaches, managers, spectators and parents at every training session and game day. By choosing respect and discussing respect our members will learn these behaviours and improve not only our club and sport but also our community.



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PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with officials. If you disagree, speak to your captain or coach, and do not approach an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, players, coaches, and spectators is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport, nor is provoking an opponent.
- Work hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will yours.
- Be a good sport and applaud all good plays by your team and acknowledge those of your opposition.
- Treat all participants of your sport as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take an unfair advantage of others.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion.
- Avoid using social media as a platform to air concerns and issues and speak directly to your coaches or captains. Abuse through social media and technology will not be tolerated at any level.

SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Remember that people participate in sport for their own enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decision of the match officials and promote this respect to all persons involved in the club.
- Never ridicule a person or player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether its by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
- Show respect to your teams' opposition. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge, or harass players, coaches, or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colours, religion, sexuality, language, politics, national or ethnic group.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that enhances, rather than harms, the reputation and goodwill of the club and the sport.

COACH'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure that everyone is treated equally.
- Ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- Respect all players' individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- Be fair, considerate, and honest with all players.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to your team, and yourself, that you will continue to improve your own knowledge of the game through coach education and various training programs. Coach your players to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of football.
- Avoid any physical contact with the players, and should it be required ensure it is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your players. Be aware of any forms of abuse directed towards players from other sources.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards your players.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- Do not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- Refrain from arguing with the referee regarding decisions they make.
- Treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect

MATCH OFFICIAL'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
- Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects.
- Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members.
- Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing.
- Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Actively seek participation and involvement from all personnel within the club with retrospect to planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all players equal opportunities to participate.
- Ensure the rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the abilities of all participants and do not discriminate.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for all players especially junior players.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in the club emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of conduct and ethics to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, and players and encourage them to follow its rules.
- As leaders within the club, set examples that everyone involved should follow.

All players, coaches, spectators, and officials are to comply with the clubs' policies and procedures and the FFA Codes of Conduct and Codes of Behaviour at all times.

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