



Chelsea Junior Football Club PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



The Chelsea Junior Football Club Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation for all players and officials. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

Each Parent and Supporter must:

- a) Support the participants and enjoy the Match; Remember children play sport for fun, not for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they miniature professionals.
- b) Encourage participation, but don't force it;
- c) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- d) Remember that children learn by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- e) Not ridicule mistakes or losses;
- f) Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;
- g) Recognise all coaches and volunteers who give up their valuable time;
- h) Encourage players to follow the rules and respect the officials decisions.
- i) Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches, officials and umpires.
- j) Not criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Chelsea Junior Football Club Committee, Coaches, Team Managers or Officials in private;
- k) Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;
- l) Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;
- m) Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter;
- n) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;
- o) Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;
- p) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;



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- q) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, the AFL South East (including SEJFL and MPJFL), or the Frankston & District Junior Football League (F&DJFL). Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).
- r) Compliment both teams on their efforts.
- s) Action speaks louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- t) NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED AT JUNIOR FOOTBALL GAMES.

A Child's self-esteem is delicate and easily damaged particularly by parents attempting to act out their own lives through the youngsters on the sports field Participation in the sports events MUST be something for the children to enjoy. They should NOT be saddled with a "Win at all costs" attitude at an early age.

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

I, _____ have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of Chelsea Junior Football Club.

Signature:

Date: