



Somerville Junior Football Club

PO Box 364, Somerville, 3912

PARENTS/GUARDIANS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate but don't force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose. Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. You are there to support not downgrade.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful play by all participants.
- Support your club and leagues efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse and intimidation from all games and club activities.
- Respect the officials of the club and committee decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation and recognise the efforts of volunteers, coaches, officials, administrators and committee members – without them your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Never publicly defame or harass umpires or other game day officials – raise personal concerns with your club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender, ability or cultural background. You'll let down your club, yourself and your family.
- Never verbally or physically abuse, intimidate or use threatening behaviour or language towards any umpire, game day official, committee member, club member or fellow spectator.
- Never participate in any action, either physically or verbally that would bring the club into disrepute.
- Always behave in an appropriate manner at all club events and functions. Respect the right of people around you to enjoy the events without being subject to unnecessary interruption, abuse, intimidation, drunken or unsocial behaviour.
- Never bring or consume alcohol at any junior football game.
- Never contravene the rules of the Liquor licence that the club acts under. Do not take your own alcohol to premises or club events that are not licensed for you to do so or engage in any other behaviour that would jeopardize the liquor licence. The Somerville Football Club Licence (which the club operates under) does not permit anyone to bring or consume their own alcohol in or around their premises or grounds.
- Abide by all other club football codes of conduct and policies.
- Understand that, if a breach of the club's Code of Conduct occurs, disciplinary action may be applied. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to warnings, suspensions and /or banning of players, and/or parents/guardians and /or spectators and is separate to any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the league or Police for the same incident.
- Copies of the club's Codes of Conduct and Club Policies are available on request from the Secretary.

By registering my child with the Somerville Junior Football Club I agree to abide by the principles above. I support the SJFC Committee in its undertaking and encourage them to take any disciplinary action they deem appropriate if a breach of the Code of Conduct occurs.