



## MANDATORY & ENFORCEABLE CODES OF BEHAVIOUR/CONDUCT

### PLAYERS

- Play by the rules of this club & League and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an Umpire or other Official, if you have an issue ask your Coach or Team Manager to approach the Official during a break or after the game. Understand that without Umpires & Officials, you can not play football.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable behaviour in any sport and doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a Team Player – It's a team game. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Appreciate all good plays whether they are made by your team or opposition.
- Treat all players as you like to be treated – fairly. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your Coach, Team mates, Officials and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for you own enjoyment, benefit and skill improvement, not just to please your parents or Coach.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your Club, Coach, Team mates and family if you do & many such comments are actually illegal.
- Respect & look after all club property and facilities. Do not mistreat, damage or vandalize.
- Understand that, if a breach of the Clubs 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, parents/guardians and/or spectators and is separate from any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the league or Police for the same incident.

**NB:** Any player who is found guilty of reportable offence and receives a League or an Interclub suspension in any home and away match will be ineligible to receive a Club Best & Fairest Award.

### PARENTS, GUARDIANS, GAME DAY OFFICIALS & SUPPORTERS

- 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 plays by all participants.
- Support your Club and leagues efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse and intimidation from all games and Club activities.
- Respect Officials and Berwick Springs JFC Committee decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation and recognize the efforts of volunteer 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 and other Game Day Officials – raise concerns with Club officials in private.
- Don’t use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – 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 our club into disrepute.
- Always behave in an appropriate manner at all club events and functions. Respect the right of the people around you to enjoy the event without being subjected to unnecessary interruption, abuse, intimidation, drunken or unsociable behaviour.
- Never consume alcohol at any venue where a Junior football game or training session is in progress.
- Abide by all other Berwick Springs Junior Football Clubs Codes of Conduct and Club Policies.
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***Copies of Berwick Springs Junior Football Club Codes of Conduct and Club Policies are available on request from Secretary.***

By registering our child with the Berwick Springs Junior Football Club we agree to abide by the above principles. We support the Berwick Springs JFC Committee in its undertakings and encourage them to take any disciplinary action they deem appropriate if a breach of the Code of Behaviour/Conduct occurs.

**MEMBERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_