

SUNSHINE COAST FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES

APPENDIX E

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS - CODE OF CONDUCT BRINGING THE CODE OR THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE

FOOTBALL

Although discussions and comments are encouraged at any meetings of Sunshine Coast Football, no Club, Player or Official shall make any statement for publication, instigate public comments or contribute to any article or interview which might be published in any newspaper, magazine, other publication, and social media and which is likely to:-

- Reflect adversely on policy decisions of Sunshine Coast Football.
- Be detrimental to Sunshine Coast Football, its member clubs, sponsors, or the game in general; or
- Reflect adversely on the performance of Match Officials;
- Relate to any matter set down for hearing by, any decision of or appeal to any Committee of Inquiry, Disputes Committee or other Tribunal; and
- Any act that is seen by the Board to bring the game into disrepute.

Players and Officials shall:-

- Accept and obey all reasonable directions given by SCF Officials, Match Officials and Ground Officials; and
- At all times behave in public in a manner which does not reflect adversely on Sunshine Coast Football, its member clubs, sponsors, or the game as a whole; and
- Not do anything by act or omission which in the normal course of events is likely to incite spectators or others to violence or disorderly acts.

Failure to comply with any of these directions shall be an offence and shall be deemed "Bringing the Game into Disrepute".

Offenders will be liable to the penalties as defined by the Board of Sunshine Coast Football.

ADMINISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP

Players and officials of member Clubs and Affiliates shall not enter into any individual sponsorship or advertising agreements without the prior written approval of their Club, provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld in the absence of conflict with this Code of Conduct.

No member club shall: -

- Grant approval to any Player or Official of that Club to enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreements involving any company or product which conflicts with the aims and objectives of Sunshine Coast Football or its sponsors; or
- Be obliged to grant approval to any Player or Official of that Club to enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreement involving any company or product which conflicts with the aims and objectives of the Club or its sponsors.

Provided that any aggrieved Player or Official may apply to Sunshine Coast Football for relief from the operation of the ongoing provisions.

Clubs and their Players and Officials shall not knowingly permit photographs to be taken which may be detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Sunshine Coast Football and its members. This shall include still photographs and video records or endorsements.

Clubs and their Players and Officials shall not provide or wear any apparel bearing any insignia, logo or sponsorship message which may be detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Sunshine Coast Football and its members.

Players and Official shall not, without first obtaining the written approval of the Sunshine Coast Football Board, write any column or article for publication in any newspaper or magazine provided that such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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