



# GUNNEDAH & DISTRICT SOCCER

## CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of football at Gunnedah & District Soccer (the Club) by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders.

Please read the relevant section/s of the Code of Conduct for your role/s at the Club. The Club may invoke sanctions to any persons acting in breach of this code.

Further to the Club's Code of Conduct, the FFA Code of Conduct applies:

[www.ffa.com.au/governance/statutes-and-regulations](http://www.ffa.com.au/governance/statutes-and-regulations)

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### ADMINISTRATOR

- I will provide opportunities for players to be involved in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to their activity
- I will create pathways for players to participate not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- I will ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players
- I will ensure quality supervision and instruction for players
- I will remember that players participate for their enjoyment and benefit
- I will not over emphasise awards
- I will help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating
- I will ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasizes fair play, and not winning at all cost
- I will distribute a code of conduct to players, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will not allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or spectators
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- I will promote adherence to anti-doping policies



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### OFFICIAL

- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- I will give all players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players
- I will avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- I will be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words
- I will always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- I will keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Game', trends and principles of their application
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials
- I will refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards players or other officials
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
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### COACH

- I will remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- I will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- I will be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- I will operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same
- I will ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- I will avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the average players need and deserve equal time
- I will not use bad language nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators I will encourage my players to do the same
- I will show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- I will obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
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#### PARENT

- I won't pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions – no matter what
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- I will remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- I will focus on my child's efforts and performance – not the score
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- I will help when asked by a coach or official
- I won't criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background



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### PLAYER

- I will always play by the rules
- I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- I will work equally hard for myself and/or my team
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition
- I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated
- I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- I will cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
- I will comply with anti-doping policies