



POLICY – Code of Conduct – Team and Club Officials

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For: Team Officials, Club Officials within FSC Competitions, Club Teams

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I will:

1. Set a positive example for others to follow and show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, my players, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
2. Adhere to the Laws of the Game, FSC Competition Rules, FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations and relevant FSC policies.
3. Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
4. Always respect the match officials' decisions by not approaching any match official re their decision or making inappropriate comments to or about the match official or their decision.
5. Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
6. Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
7. Abide by any reasonable direction given by a match official or ground/jacketed official.
8. Remain in the designated technical area or remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
9. Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
10. Abide by the FNSW and FFA respective codes of conduct.
11. Ensure that all Working with Children documentation is in order and given to my club as per NSW legislation and FNSW policy.

When working with players, I will:

1. Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
2. Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
3. Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
4. Refrain from and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
5. Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
6. Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
7. Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
8. Cooperate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, MPIO) for each player's best interest.

I understand that Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in action being taken by Football South Coast, Football NSW or FFA.