

Grafton City Soccer Club

Code of Conduct

All members of our club are required to adhere to a minimum standard of conduct to ensure a safe and enjoyable soccer experience for all members and spectators. Our governing body, the *Football Federation of Australia*, has instrumented codes of conduct for all club members – players, parents, coaches and administrators – to clearly outline their respective responsibilities throughout the season.

PARENT

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. Applaud good performance and effort by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the outcome.
6. Show respect for your team's coach, the referee and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Demonstrate appropriate behavior by not using foul language and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or referees. Condemn the use of violence at all times.
8. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
9. Be a model of good behavior for children to copy.
10. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
11. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport.

IT'S JUST A GAME

PLAYER

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager respectfully and politely approach the official during the break at the appropriate time.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will yours.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any other player.
7. Co-operate with your team coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
8. Play the game for the fun of it, not just to please parents and coaches.