



St Mary's Senior Football & Netball Club Inc.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Football is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. St. Mary's Senior Football Club has developed this code of conduct in accordance with guidelines set by the AFL and the NFL to give participants a guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in football. St. Mary's Senior Football Club aims to provide a safe and friendly environment for junior footballers to learn the fundamentals of playing football as a team and to develop team and community spirit.

Players

1. I understand and will play by the rules.
2. I will respect umpires and other officials.
3. I will control my temper.
4. I will work equally hard for myself and my team.
5. I will be a good sport.
6. I will treat all players as I would like to be treated.
7. I will play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please my parents and coaches.
8. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
9. I will be prepared to lose sometimes.
10. I will listen to the advice of my coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
11. I will always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Parents /Guardians and Spectators

1. I/we will encourage our children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
2. I/we will encourage our children to always play by the rules.
3. I/we teach our children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
4. I/we will focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
5. A child learns best by example. I will applaud good play by all teams.
6. I/we will not criticise my or others' children in front of others.
7. I/we will accept decisions of the umpires as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
8. I will set a good example by my own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
9. I/we will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. I/we respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
11. I/we will show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
12. I/we will keep children in our care under control.
13. I/we will always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
14. I/we will demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.

Disciplinary regime

Disciplinary actions may include, but not be limited to:

- No discipline required
- Acceptance of formal apology
- Verbal warning
- Written and verbal warning
- Suspension from the St. Mary's Senior Football Club (term based on severity of offence)



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Expulsion from the St. Mary's Senior Football Club
Recommendation of corrective education programs

NOTE: Any person(s) suspended for any term may be required to produce a formal presentation as to why they should be reinstated as a fully accepted member, player, committee person or supporter of the St. Mary's Senior Football Club

Acknowledgement of abiding to the above St. Mary's Senior Football Club CODE OF CONDUCT policy.

Players Signature: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____