



## RICHMOND EX-SERVICEMENS' SOCCER CLUB

### CODES OF CONDUCT



## WHAT CHILDREN WANT FROM SPORT

Sport provides many valuable learning experiences, but for most children enjoyment is the most important outcome. If they don't have fun children will not want to play. The most satisfying part about being involved in sport for children comes from being with their friends and being a part of a team. Richmond Ex-Servicemens' Soccer Club adheres to this principle at all times. It endeavours to provide a safe and fun environment for all players regardless of age, gender or skill level.

At Richmond Ex-servicemen's Soccer Club we promote and expect the following Codes of Conduct.

## PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- ❖ Won't pressure their child in any way.
- ❖ Will not use bad language nor harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
- ❖ Will encourage their child to play within the rules and respects officials' coaches' decisions- no matter what.
- ❖ Will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- ❖ Will focus on their child's efforts and performance – not the score.
- ❖ Will remember to set a good example by being a good sport.
- ❖ Won't criticise or ridicule another child's performance after the game.
- ❖ Will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to their child.
- ❖ Will not arrive at any venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches.
- ❖ Will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals involved in the game regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- ❖ Will be enthusiastic and not scream instructions or pace up and down the side line at games.
- ❖ Will always promote a sense of fair play and to "play by the rules".

## PLAYERS

- ❖ Will always play by the rules.
- ❖ Never argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision you will inform your captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- ❖ Will control their temper. Understand that verbal or physical abuse of officials or other players is deliberately distracting or provoking and are not acceptable or permissible behaviours in sport.
- ❖ Will work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- ❖ Will be a good sport and applaud all good plays regardless of whether it be made by your team or your opponents.
- ❖ Will treat all players in your sport as you would like to be treated.
- ❖ Will NOT bully, sledge, or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ❖ Will cooperate with your coach, manager, team mates and opponents.
- ❖ Will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- ❖ Will participate to the best of your ability and skill level.
- ❖ Will participate for your own enjoyment, not to please coaches, parents or other spectators.
- ❖ Will not arrive at a venue intoxicated or consume alcohol at junior games.
- ❖ Will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- ❖ Will thank the opposition and officials at the game regardless of the outcome.
- ❖ Will comply with anti-doping policies.
- ❖ Will always adhere to the Richmond Ex-Servicemens' Club Codes of Conduct and understand your registration may be revoked or unaccepted the following year at the Committee's discretion, in accordance with the constitution, if you fail to comply.
- ❖ Always be proud to represent the Richmond Exservicemens' Soccer Club and conduct yourself with a sense of good sportsmanship and fair play.

## COACHES, MANAGERS AND MARSHALLS

- ❖ Will remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- ❖ Will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- ❖ Will be reasonable in their demands on players' time energy and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Will operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach their players to do the same.
- ❖ Will ensure that the time players spend with them is a positive experience. All players deserve equal time and playing opportunities. (e.g. overplaying talented players.)
- ❖ Will not use bad language. Nor will you harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- ❖ Will ensure equipment, activities, and facilities meet with safety standards. These must be age and ability appropriate.
- ❖ Will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, media, parents and spectators and encourage your players to do the same.
- ❖ Will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to commence training or playing.
- ❖ Will obtain appropriate qualifications and keep abreast of current coaching practices and the principles of growth and development.
- ❖ Will not arrive at a venue intoxicated or consume alcohol at junior games or training.
- ❖ Will not allow unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games, or club functions.
- ❖ Will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all individuals regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- ❖ Will promote adherence to anti-doping policies.
- ❖ Will become familiar with 'Child Protection' policies and adhere to them all. In particular, any physical contact you have with a young person is deemed appropriate in your role and function as a coach.