

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that Football is free from bullying, verbal, and physical abuse and that it is played in a fair and safe environment.

As leaders and role models, parents/carers must model the behaviour that they expect their children to follow. It is essential that **YOU** play your part and follow this Code of Conduct always.

### PARENTS /CARERS

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants always.
2. Never ridicule, criticise or unduly reprimand a junior player for making a mistake. They do not play intending to make mistakes.
3. Encourage your child to participate for their own interest and enjoyment.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Focus on encouraging your child to develop their skills, playing, and enjoying the game and doing their best. Take the emphasis away from winning.
6. Set an example by always role modelling respectful and positive behaviour. Applaud good play by all players and teams.
7. Accept decisions made by the Referees. They are trying to do their best.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical altercations at games.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
10. Follow the 'Play by the Rules' guidelines at [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)



**I understand that I have a responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct and accept that if I breach this Code of Conduct, sanctions, including the following, may be imposed.**

1. Be required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.

2. Be required to attend a meeting with club officials.
3. Be counselled, suspended, or expelled by the club.
4. Appear at a disciplinary hearing and receive sanctions imposed by Football SA.



### JUNIORS PLAYERS

All players want to enjoy Football and to play in a fair and safe environment. As players we all have a responsibility to play our part and follow this Code of Conduct always.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Respect all participants at always.
2. Respect and follow the directions of your Team Officials.
3. Accept and follow the decisions of the Referees.
4. Play to the best of your ability with an emphasis on skill development and enjoyment.
5. Never verbally abuse or use physical violence at games.
6. Support your players, they are all trying their best.
7. Be respectful whether you win or lose. Acknowledge the other team and Referee at the end of the game.
8. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at your club speak to someone you trust.

**I understand that I must follow this Code of Conduct and that if I do not, I may be...**

1. Required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.
2. Spoken to by the coach or club.
3. Prevented from playing.
4. Suspended from all club activities.
5. Asked to leave the club.
6. Required to attend a disciplinary hearing and may have sanctions imposed on me by Football SA.