



Olinda Ferny Creek Junior Football Club

Codes Of Conduct

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1 Audience

This document is intended to be read by all players, parents, supporters, coaches and other officials of the OFCJFC.

2 Introduction

The OFCJFC seeks to set and attain the highest standards of conduct and sportsmanship for all members, officials and supporters. The Codes of Conduct contained in this document are basic statements of the minimum expectations of the club in this regard.

It is the responsibility of all individuals representing and / or supporting the club to ensure that their behaviour in relation to any activity associated with the club reflects positively on the club at all times. The statements contained in these codes provide an indication of the aspects that should be considered as part of this responsibility and the minimum standard of behaviour required.

Three separate Codes of Conduct are included in this document covering coaches, players and parents, guardians, officials and supporters.

- All coaches appointed by the club are required to commit to upholding the Coaches' Code of Conduct as a condition of their appointment.
- All players representing the club, along with their parents and guardians, are deemed to acknowledge and accept the relevant (Players' or Parents' / Guardians' / Officials' and Supporters') Code of Conduct as part of the player's annual application for registration with the club.
- All other officials, members and supporters of the club are required to uphold the Parents' / Guardians' / Officials' and Supporters' Code of Conduct

3 OFCFC Coaches' Code Of Conduct

I, _____, hereby commit to the best of my ability to uphold the AFL and OFCJFC Coaches' Codes of Conduct. I understand that as an integral element of my commitment, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct that is in the best interests of the club, the game, the players in my care and all other volunteers and club members.

In representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing the club, the coaching profession or the game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:-

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Mission, Rules and Policies of the OFCJFC and the DRJFL.
- I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health, education and well-being.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- I will avoid overplaying the talented players and will aim to maximise the opportunities for participation, enjoyment and development of all players regardless of ability in accordance with the club's Mission and Player Development policies.
- I will stress and monitor safety always and ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the advice of a qualified person concerning the return of injured or ill players to training or playing.
- I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and participate in a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- I will attain coaching accreditation at Level I or higher and endeavour to participate in the local branch of the Australian Football Coaches Association.
- I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where the objectives of skill learning and development and playing for fun and enjoyment are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win.

4 OFCJFC Players' Code Of Conduct

- Abide by the laws of the game and the rules set down by your coach, the club and the DRJFL
- Never argue with an umpire or other official. If you have an issue, ask your coach, or team manager to attempt to resolve it for you during a break or after the game. Understand that without umpires and officials, you cannot play football.
- Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of umpires, officials, spectators or other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
- Be a team player – it's a team game. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Appreciate all good plays whether they are made by your team or your opponents.
- Be proud to represent this club at all times. Walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and conducted yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, your club and your family.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and officials and respect the rights and abilities of all participants. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment, benefit and skill improvement, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Avoid use of derogatory language towards any person.
- Respect and look after all club property and facilities. Do not mistreat, damage or vandalise any club property.
- Abide by all other rules, policies and Codes of Conduct of the Olinda-Ferny Creek Junior Football Club.
- Understand that if a breach of the club's Code of Conduct occurs, disciplinary action may be applied. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to, warnings, suspensions and / or banning of players, parents / guardians and / or spectators and is separate from any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the league or Police for the same incident.

5 OFCJFC Parents', Guardians', Officials' and Supporters' Code Of Conduct

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage children to participate, but don't force them.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to respect their opponents and to play according to the rules and the spirit of the game
- Never ridicule or criticise a child for making a mistake or for their team losing a game. Show your support and focus on the positives.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Show appreciation and recognise the efforts of all club volunteer coaches, officials and helpers. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Never verbally or physically abuse, intimidate or threaten any umpire, official, supporter or player. Any issues or complaints should be addressed in accordance with the club's Grievance policy.
- Be proud of our club and support it by maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship and behaviour both on and off the field.
- Avoid use of derogatory language towards any person.
- Never bring to or consume alcohol at any junior football game.
- Our club functions through the efforts of our volunteers. Play your part and look for opportunities to assist in any way possible.
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