



Westside Strikers Football Club

Code of Conduct

Players

- 1) Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- 2) Respect all other participants and the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- 3) Play fair, play by the rules, and play to the best of your ability, always.
- 4) Be a good sport, displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- 5) Respect the equipment and facilities provided to you as part of your program.
- 6) Be honest with your coach concerning illness and injury, and your ability to train and play.
- 7) Never yell at, ridicule, or criticise other participants. They are all trying their best.
- 8) Cooperate with your coach, teammates, referees, and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- 9) Respect and follow the directions of your team officials and match officials.
- 10) Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded.
- 11) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- 12) Be respectful whether you win or lose. Shake hands with the other team and match official at the end of the game.
- 13) If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at your club speak to someone you trust.

Spectators & Parents

- 1) Respect the decisions of match officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability and teach children to do the same.
- 2) Respect the performances and efforts of all participants including players, coaches and officials.



- 3) Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 4) Remember that your child and all players participate in the sport of football for their enjoyment and not yours.
- 5) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
- 6) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- 7) Never use violence in any form towards another person including fellow spectators, players or match/team Officials (including coaches and ground marshals).
- 8) Not engage in acts of discrimination, harassment, or abuse towards any person, including:
 - a. the use of obscene or offensive language and/or gestures; and/or
 - b. the incitement of hatred or violence.
- 9) Comply with all conditions of entry including provisions relating to security screening, intoxication, and items that are prohibited by law or restricted by policy from being brought into the venue.
- 10) Never throw missiles, projectiles, or objects of any description at players, match officials, or fellow spectators.
- 11) Not enter or attempt to enter the field of play or playing arena without lawful authority.
- 12) Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- 13) Refrain from any disorderly conduct or conduct that may injure the reputation and goodwill of the club and the code of football generally.

Coaches & Team Managers

- 1) Place the health, safety, and welfare of the participants above all else.
- 2) Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexual orientation, or religion.
- 3) Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation and development.
- 4) Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a game.
- 5) Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game and to play within the spirit of the game.



- 6) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and Match Officials, including by respecting decisions by Match Officials.
- 7) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- 8) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
- 9) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- 10) Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- 11) Do not smoke or consume alcohol whilst supervising team members.
- 12) Do not tolerate abusive, bullying, or threatening behaviour.
- 13) Follow the advice of a physician, or listen to your player, when determining the extent of a player's injury and their return from injury to training and game scenarios.
- 14) Help each individual (player, official, etc.) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage with appropriate, positive and supportive feedback.
- 15) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

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