



# Code of Conduct

## Spectators and Parents

### Overview

All spectators of our game have a responsibility to promote respect and good behaviour to ensure our clubs, and our game are free from all forms of bullying and abuse.

All spectators and parents must abide by the Club's Conditions of Entry and demonstrate good quality behaviours that provide a welcoming environment within our sport.

### Responsibilities

All spectators attending a DHUSC match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by Football Australia, Football Victoria or the Ballarat District Soccer Association (BDSA) must:

- 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 marshalls).
- 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.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who in the opinion of the Club and/or FV otherwise causes or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance may be evicted from the venue and may be banned from attending future matches.

Any offender who then breaches a ban order against them may be charged with trespass and subject to further penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of legal action.

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