



# NARRABEEN FOOTBALL CLUB

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## Code of Conduct

### Introduction

This code of conduct is designed:

- To enhance the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction of playing sport to members of Narrabeen Football Club.
- Make adults aware that young people play to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their peer group.
- To improve the physical fitness of youth by encouraging participation in sport by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people.
- To remind officials, coaches, parents and spectators that sport must be administered, taught and provided for the good of those young people who wish to participate.

### Officials

- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sport are made available to all, irrespective of ability.
- Equipment and facilities must be appropriate to the maturity level of all players.
- Remember that play is done for its own sake. Play down the importance of awards.
- Distribute this Code of Conduct to all players, coaches, parents and spectators.
- Ensure adequate supervision is maintained at all games.
- Behave in a manner to set an example for all participants.

### Coaches

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules.
- Wherever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just-average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember that young people need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
- INSIST on fair play, do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.

### Players

- Play by the rules of the game.
- Play for the fun of it, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Never argue with an official. Let your captain or coach sort out any problems.

- Control your temper – verbal abuse of officials or other players is unacceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
- Co-operate with your coach, manager, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- SLEDGING – in any way, shape or form will not be tolerated.

### **Parents and Spectators**

- Remember that players are playing for their enjoyment not yours.
- Applaud the performance and achievements of both teams. Congratulate all participants regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Support all efforts to remove ALL verbal and physical abuse from sport.
- Encourage all participants to play by the rules and not to seek unfair advantage over an opponent.
- Respect the official's decision and encourage your children to do likewise. Follow the appropriate procedure if there is a disagreement.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making mistakes during play. Positive comments are motivational.
- Show your appreciation to all volunteer coaches, managers and officials.
- Show respect for your teams opponents, without them there would be no game.
- Remember actions speak louder than words. Make sure your behaviour sets a good example that will encourage fair play and enjoyment by all participants.
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