

# Floreat Athena Football Club

## Code of Conduct



The Floreat Athena Football Club (FAFC) strongly promotes mutual respect, tolerance and quality football development. All members and spectators of the Club have a responsibility to display high standards of behaviour at training and during matches to ensure the enjoyment of everyone involved including players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials. The guidelines in this document have been prepared for all parties involved at the Club in the interests of developing our players at the best possible level.

### | PLAYERS

Players are an important part of the club and as such it is essential that players follow the Code of Conduct.

Players **must**:

- Always play to the best of their ability.
- Play fairly and within the rules.
- Respect your team-mates, coach and team manager and treat them all with courtesy.
- Respect your opponents and play in a competitive but fair way always being a good sport.
- Respect the referees and match officials. Never argue with them and respect their decisions.
- Be a team player and role model.
- Listen and respond to what the coach and/or technical staff say.
- Be kind - treat all participants as you like to be treated.
- Shake hands and thank the other team and the referee at the end of a match.
- Play for your own fun and enjoyment, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Refrain from the use of any verbal (rude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language) or physical abuse.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Players must understand that if they do not follow this Code of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the Club or competition administrator.

Players may:

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, and/or the referee.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or club committee.
- Be dropped or substituted.
- Be suspended from attending training or matches.
- Have your registration cancelled.

Also:

- The club or competition administrator may make a player's parent or carer aware of any infringements of this Code of Conduct
- The competition administrator could impose a fine, suspension or loss of competition points against the player's team or club. Any such fine maybe required to be paid entirely by the offending player/s.



## | PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents and spectators are an important part of FAFC. As such parents and spectators have a responsibility to support their child's footballing activities in a positive manner both on and off the pitch. It is essential that parents and spectators act appropriately, demonstrate high standards of behaviours and act as role models for children in their interactions with players, coaches, officials, and other parents and spectators.

Parents and Spectators **must**:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not that of their parents or spectators
- Encourage children to participate but not force or pressure them
- Focus on the player's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not winning
- Never criticise or ridicule your child or any child's performance after a game
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Parents and spectators should refrain from "coaching" their child or any other players during training or the match, as it is distracting for the players on the pitch. The only information given to players should come from the coach
- Parents and spectators are not allowed on the sports field during the match. They should stand outside of the designated technical area. At training, parents/spectators can watch training from a respectful distance.
- Treat all players, coaches, referees (Football West/parents), officials, administrators, parents and spectators with respect and courtesy
- Never argue with the referee, respect their decisions and teach players to do the same
- Refrain from the use of any verbal (rude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language) or physical abuse.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion

If a parent or spectator does not follow this Code of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the Club or competition administrator.

A parent or spectator may:

- Be required to apologise to other parents or spectators, the other team, and/or the referee.
- Receive a formal warning from the club committee.
- Be suspended from attending matches.
- Have the registration of their child, or the player they are affiliated with, cancelled.