



Dianella Soccer Club

Code of Conduct

Players, Coaches and Parents/Spectators

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Dianella Soccer Club is a proud community club. All players, parents and coaches play an important part in upholding high standards of behaviour both on and off the pitch, and maintaining our reputation within the football family. Dianella Soccer Club expects all parents, players, coaches and volunteers at the Club to adhere to the following Code of Conduct, which in conjunction with guidelines set down by the Football Federation of Australia (FFA) and Football West (FW), will help the game stay strong for years to come.

Players will:

- Play to the best of their ability, play fairly and within the rules.
- Respect all team-mates, opposition, the referee and other match officials, coaches and managers, spectators.
- Accept all decisions made by match officials - whether volunteers or paid officials.
Remember, without officials, there is no game.
- Refrain from the use of foul, rude, offensive or abusive language.
- Be humble. *We enjoy our achievements but do not humiliate opponents and their supporters.*
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Players that do not abide by the Code of Conduct, may have any/all of the following actions taken against them by Dianella Soccer Club, FW or FFA.

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, opposition or officials.
- Receive a warning from the coach or Club Committee.
- Be suspended from training and/or match play.
- Be asked to leave the Club.

In addition Dianella Soccer Club, FFA or FW may make parents/carers aware of any infringements of this Code of Conduct. FW or FFA could also impose a fine, suspension, or loss of competition points where applicable against the team or Club.

Coaches will:

- Recognise that participation and enjoyment are key elements of participation at DSC.
Winning is only one goal. Sure it helps, but it is not the primary reason for participation.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- Teach players to follow the rules and respect opponents and officials.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake. *Does a player ever make a mistake on purpose?*
- Refrain from the use of foul, crude, offensive or abusive language.
- Report any complaint made against themselves or member of their team/support group immediately to their respective Club Co-Ordinator, and if necessary to the Club Committee.
- Report any evidence of wrongdoing or persistent bad behaviour immediately to their respective Club Co-Ordinator or Club Committee.
- Act within the law. All communications to players, especially electronic, are to be via the parent/carer or team manager.

- Maintain data protection and confidentiality. *Contact details are provided to coaches/team managers for official DSC business only and are not to be abused.*
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved, regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in a request to leave the Club, or the imposition of a fine or suspension by FW or FFA.

Parents/Spectators –Code of Conduct

In addition to the Code of Conduct, all parents and spectators are expected to adhere to the respective FW and FFA Codes of Conduct. *“A club is responsible, and liable, for the conduct and behaviour of its supporters, whether at home or away Matches. Each patron at a Match must comply with the Spectator Code of Behaviour.”*

Parents/spectators will:

- Recognise that children participate in sport for their own enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate. NO ONE should be forced to play.
- Focus on player effort, encourage and praise.
- Encourage children to play by the rules and not settle disagreements with hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child (any child) for making a mistake or losing a game of football.
- Appreciate good performance, skilful play and appropriate behaviour by all participants. *Remember that children learn best by example.*
- Respect the official’s decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Refrain from using foul, crude, offensive or abusive language.
- Show appreciation for all volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Remember, without them no game exists for children to participate.
- Report any evidence of wrongdoing or persistent bad behaviour immediately to their team manager or directly to the Club Co-Ordinator or member of the committee. *The Club are there to support you and no one person is bigger than the Club.*
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved, regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

If a parent/spectator does not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, FFA or FW. Parents may:

- Be required to apologise to other parents, the opposition and /or the officials.
- Receive a warning from the Club Committee.
- Be suspended from attending matches/Club functions.
- Have their child’s registration cancelled.