

## **BOROONDARA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB CODES OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB PARTICIPANTS**

Boroondara Junior Football Club aims to develop and improve the skills, game play, and team spirit of its players and teams. The Club requires its players, members and parents to be uncompromising in aspects of fair play and good sportsmanship. Please read and adhere to the following Codes of Conduct.

### **Players' Code of Conduct**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Co-operate with your Coach and Team Manager. Coaches and Team Managers have a difficult task to perform and therefore require full support prior to, during, and after a game and at training sessions.
3. Attend training regularly. Training together as a team is the most important aspect of developing team skills and efficient functioning of the team as a unit.
4. If unable to train or play, please notify your coach or team manager beforehand.
5. Always show good sportsmanship. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Always train and play competitively and fairly and to the best of your ability.
7. Team-mates, officials and all members of the opposition and public should be shown respect and courtesy at all times.
8. Never argue with, or abuse an official. When seeking explanation for referee's decisions, do so in a polite and courteous manner. Referee's decisions should never be disputed.
9. Control your temper – verbal abuse or sledging other players is unacceptable.
10. Encourage team-mates, even when their efforts do not meet with success.
11. Recognise that not all players can compete at the same level.
12. Inform your coach or team manager of any health or injury problems.
13. Always arrive at games at least 30 minutes before kick off (or in accordance with your coach's instructions) to allow time for changing, warming up and team briefings.

### **Parents' Code of Conduct**

1. Encourage children to participate, if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
2. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory.
5. Encourage children to play by the rules.
6. **Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.**
7. Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play at all times.
8. If you disagree with an official, do not heckle from the sidelines. Raise the issue through the appropriate club channels.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, ethnic origin or culture. Foul language will not be tolerated.
11. Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
12. Advise coach or team manager, as early as possible, if a child cannot attend training or matches
13. **Parents MUST ensure that they report to the coach or team manager with their child prior to training or matches. Children should not be left unattended. Parents should arrive in adequate time to pick up their child at the cessation of both training and games. Parents who do not pick up their children after training or matches will be cautioned and advised that if the practice continues, their membership of the club may be cancelled.**
14. To enable children to play Junior Football, parents must be prepared to help their child's team(s) by performing duties when asked, or on a roster system if so organized, by team management. Each team needs to supply the following personnel per game:
  - Team Manager
  - Referee (home matches U9 - U10)
  - Linesperson
  - Ground Marshal x 2 (home games only)
  - Canteen assistant (home games only)
  - Parents are also asked to take turns in supplying oranges at matches and assist the Team Manager to set up or pack up the pitches.

Assistance may also be required for linemarking the pitches before use.

### **Team Officials' Code of Conduct**

Children participate for fun and enjoyment, and winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a competition. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players by adhering to the following:

1. Ensure that all players are treated fairly.
2. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with soccer – this includes but is not limited to: officials, opponents, coaches, administrators, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to display the same qualities.
3. Team officials must always promote the positive aspects of the game. Emphasise to your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices, principles of growth and development of young people.
6. Ensure that coaching or training activities take place in a safe environment and are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.