



DEER PARK FOOTBALL

JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, Guardians & Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember that children play football for fun – they are not playing for your entertainment, nor are they miniature professionals, involvement is for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage players to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the player's efforts – never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing the game. Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning.
- Remember that players learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules and respect official's decisions.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials.
- An umpire's job is a difficult one – put yourself in their position – how would you like to be treated?
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Raise any concerns privately.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not harassing or using foul language to umpires, players, coaches, or other spectators.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Support all efforts to remove verbal, racial and physical abuse and to settle disagreement without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Discuss the Codes of Conduct with your son/daughter so that you are both aware of your obligations.
- Actively promote the Codes of Conduct and foster high standards of behaviour for your club at all times.

Please Note: *Your failure to adhere to the Codes of Conduct may result in the withdrawal or suspension of your son (s)/daughters(s) registration to play in the DPFC.*

Players Code of Conduct

- Always play by the laws and rules – be a team player – be a good sport.
- Control your temper – treat others as you would like to be treated – bullying will not be tolerated
- Verbal abuse to umpires, officials, parents or other players is not acceptable.
- Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.
- Cooperate, support and encourage your team mates. Your teams' performance will benefit, so will you. Don't forget to acknowledge opponents, officials and umpires, e.g. shake hands before and after the game.
- Play fair, respect the rights and dignity of all players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Avoid ugly remarks based on race or gender.
- Play for the "fun of it" – remember it's just a game!

General Supporters

The DPFC accepts that it is difficult for Clubs to control the behaviour of supporters who may not necessarily be a member of their Club. All effort is to be made by Club officials to approach any supporter who is displaying a poor attitude towards players, umpires, or other supporters and attempt to change the behaviour of such supporters. In the event of such supporters being from an opposing Club, officials of the opposing Club should be approached to engage with the supporters.

By registering our child with the DPFC we agree to abide by these principles. We support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

Risk management

Get involved in your child's interests

A good way to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing is to get involved with your club.

Consider:

Becoming a volunteer.

Getting to know your child's officials and maintaining open and honest communication with them about things that concern you.

The DPFC requests a parent/s or guardian is present at games and training sessions.

Alcohol & Smoke Free Policy

The DPFC provide the following principles regarding Alcohol Management and Smoke-Free environment.

Junior Football No alcohol is to be consumed or will be sold at The DPFC.

The DPFC does not encourage consumption of alcohol during training sessions.

The DPFC shall be responsible for the conduct of its members, supporters and followers and breaches of this will be considered and penalties will apply at discretion of the DPFC Executive Committee.

https://essendondfl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Essendon-District-Football-League_Alcohol-Smoke-Free-Policy.pdf

Approved Pages / Sites

The Deer Park Football Club runs and manages their official sites Web, Facebook, Team App & Instagram. Individuals are not permitted to set up any official sites without the express permission of an executive member.

Annual Team or Age Level Facebook Groups may be set up on an annual basis as this is a positive communication tool to keep team parents up to date on Club information and events. For Juniors - Any Official Team Page and or chat groups via messenger/whatsapp must have the Junior Coordinator and or Junior Committee Representative invited and be a part of the group. Any team group page

MUST be set up as a closed group for that team and not able to be publicly accessible.

Authorised use of pictures

Apart from abiding to all other areas of this policy, individuals' photos may be posted on social media within Team Groups. The club cannot control every photo that is placed on social media. If an individual does not want to be published on social media or other media – please contact your Junior Coordinator, Team Manager or member of the executive.

Policy Breaches

Breaches in policy, if detected, will result in disciplinary action directly from the Executive Committee of the Deer Park Football Club or alternatively will be referred to the Club President. Penalties could include written warnings, suspension, fines or expulsion from the Deer Park Football Club and / or also competition for individuals and clubs in breach also encompassing registered children of parents in breach of the policy

PLAYER NAME _____

PLAYER SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____ / ____ / 2023