



FBFC CODE OF CONDUCT

Guidelines for 2023/24 Season

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Code of conduct and ethics

The behaviour of players, parents, spectators, officials, and administrators is critical in ensuring that all players enjoy an appropriate and safe environment when playing football.

The philosophy of football at Fairfield Bulls FC is to be *resilient*, while fostering a mindset which includes a positive and *enthusiastic* attitude, disciplined and *committed* approach which is driven by *purpose* and energy of self-belief.

Below is our Football program code of conduct for players, parents, carers, and officials involved at Fairfield Bulls FC which all must be aware of and abide by. This code of conduct is not inconsistent with the terms of Football Australia's National Code of Conduct and Ethics¹.

General

1. Everyone is to always respect each other.
2. Coaches that are assisting are to be shown the same respect as we show each other.
3. If you (player) have any issues please come and talk to your coach and speak your mind with your coach, not anyone else. If you are not happy with coaches answer the coach can speak to your parents with a club representative present.
4. Red cards for bad behavior, swearing, brawling/fighting will result in extra suspensions from coaches.
5. Your attitude and hard work during training and game day are always being monitored.
6. You need to work hard to get into the starting line-up and work hard to keep it, week in week out.
7. Players will be played out of position from time to time and perhaps at longer periods depending on circumstances, please accept and be mindful that it is a team sport.

¹ <https://footballnsw.com.au/?s=code+of+conduct>

Player code of conduct

8. Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game.
9. Always be fair no matter what the outcome.
10. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach or manager approach the official during the break or after the game.
11. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
12. Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches.
13. Be honest with the coach concerning illness and injury and ability to train and compete to the best of your ability.
14. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you. A professional appearance relating to language, manner, temper, and punctuality is to be always adopted.
15. Accept defeat with dignity. Nobody wins all the time. Learn to lose graciously. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Do not blame the referee or anyone else. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
16. Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents.
17. Never encourage, condone, or participate in any activities that may intentionally injure players/spectators/officials, or damage facilities.
18. Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
19. Remove all jewelry prior to training and match play.
20. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, race, ability, cultural background, or religion.
21. Avoid constant arguing and swearing within your team or opponents.
22. Be mindful of your conduct and behavior off the field. Remember, Football is a long-term commitment so your conduct on and off the pitch will also reflect your talent and professionalism.

Training

23. Arrive at training at least 15 mins prior to start time and prepare for session.
24. Shin pads MUST be brought to every session (if you do not have them, you will not be allowed to train)
25. Strive to attend every training session.
26. If you cannot make training, a message must be sent to your manager / coach prior and not an hour before training. Keep in mind, coaches determine game time by your commitment and performance at training.
27. If you are injured, you must attend training and stay for the whole session, unless otherwise agreed with your coach
28. Training gear MUST be worn at warm up and during match day

Game Day

29. Prepare your gear and bag the night before a game.
30. Check where you are playing 2 days before and not just the night before.
31. Do not have a long night before match day.
32. Arrive 1 hour before your game
33. Dress code for match day is club polo and tracksuit.
34. The dress code you come to the ground is also the way you leave.
35. You must keep the change rooms (home & away) clean before you leave.
36. You must shake hands with the opposition coach before and after every game.
37. You must shake hands with the opposition players after every game.

Parent, carers: code of conduct

38. Respect the decisions of the Match Officials and teach players to do the same.
39. Remember that Players engage for their enjoyment, not yours.
40. Encourage Players to play according to the rules and in the spirit of the game

41. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
42. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than the result.
43. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
44. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, race, ability, cultural background, or religion.
45. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone involved in the competition (players, referees, officials, coaches, volunteers, spectators, etc).
46. Do not engage in discrimination/abuse in any form, including the use of obscene language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting.
47. Smart supporting – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and positive.
48. Do not smoke or consume alcohol at training.
49. Be a positive role model.
50. Do not enter the field of play unless permission is given to attend an injured player.
51. Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams.
52. Show respect and appreciation to club volunteers, including coaches, officials, and administrators.
53. Do not approach coaches at any point. If there are concerns, please speak with your teams Manager 1st or contact club Convener on Convener@fbfc.com.au.
54. Concerns should be raised with managers who will pass this information on your behalf via the appropriate channels or contact club Convener on Convener@fbfc.com.au.
55. Please encourage from sidelines – DO NOT COACH!!!
56. If you have any issues, please do not discuss with other parents, ensure all issues are raised through the correct channels.
57. Understand that a breach of this, code of conduct may result a formal investigation by the club officials and or Football NSW, fines and possible match and club ban.

References

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<https://www.footbballaustralia.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2021->

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