



# MELTON PHOENIX FOOTBALL CLUB

## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The codes of conduct below have been incorporated from Football Victoria Rules of Competition and ALL MEMBERS must read and understand the Clubs' expectations, as these are the conditions in joining our club. It is vital that everyone involved in sporting activities, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, official or supporters understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport. Any repeated or serious breach of these codes will result in a non-refundable cancelation of membership. Any fine imposed by the club or the Football Victoria for a breach of conduct by a member will be payable by the member.

### PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game.
2. Do not argue or abuse match officials. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match concludes.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team.
5. Be a good sport and acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.

7. Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
8. Play for your own enjoyment and not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you.
10. Do not accept or use banned or unauthorised drugs, including consumption of alcohol at any time.
11. Any fines incurred from Football Victoria will be the responsibility of the individual player.

## **PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules and spirit of the game.
3. Encourage all children to participate, do not force them.
4. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the game (e.g. winning or losing).
5. Never ridicule, or yell at a child for making a mistake before, during or after any training session or game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play from both teams.
7. Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise.
8. Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, officials, administrators, and volunteers. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels, (e.g., grievance resolution process).
9. Any decision made by the team coach is final and no parent will challenge that decision. Any problems must be reported to the team manager or committee member.
10. Parents must not coach from the side lines during matches or training. 'Smart Supporting' – not loud and intense but calm, always relaxed and positive.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
12. Do not smoke or consume alcohol outside the Technical Area as displayed near bar.
13. Any fine issued to the club for patent misconduct, will be payable by parent.

## **COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

1. Remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
3. Be responsible in your demands of player time, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the players are having a positive experience and all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Teach players the rules of the game and ensure all players are good sports, acknowledging the other team after the game.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Modify coaching approach to suite the skill levels and needs of players.
9. Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrator's parents and spectators and will encourage players to do the same.
10. Follow advice of a physician when determining if an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition and do so with care and caution.
11. To allow for growth and development in players keep up to date with latest coaching practices and where possible obtain appropriate qualifications.
12. Turn up to training on time, with the required equipment and train players to the best of your ability and make appropriate arrangements if unavailable to attend training or a match.
13. Any fines issued to the club for coach offenses, they will be payable by the coach.

## **CLUB RULES - GENERAL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

1. All players, parents and spectators must abide by the codes of Behaviour as stated above.
2. By law, smoking is banned within 10meters of an outdoor sporting venue during U18 events in VIC from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Alcohol consumption only permitted inside red area (PLEASE REFER TO POSTER LOCATED NEAR THE BAR).
3. Condemn the use of violence or abusive language in any form, by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
4. Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal, and physical abuse from sporting activities.
5. Show respect and appreciation to club volunteers, including coaches, officials, and administrators
6. Ensure any incident or issues are raised to the club committee in writing immediately (refer to Grievance Resolution Process).
7. No Football/Soccer boots to be worn inside the rooms.
8. No Kicking of balls on the concrete area in front of the clubrooms or within the club rooms.
9. All equipment borrowed to be returned to where it was taken from.
10. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST REMAIN AT TRAINING AND MATCHES AT ALL TIMES.