

Code of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Manager and Spectators

Marrickville FC is a grassroots sports club delivering community football services in Sydney's Inner West. Our Club's vision is to provide a friendly environment that fosters enjoyment, creating friendships and inspiring a team spirit for all ages and levels of ability through Football.

VALUES

- Respect and inclusion for all
- Deliver the best outcome for all members
- A Football focus that encourages sportsmanship
- Fostering partnerships with community groups and stakeholders for access to healthy, sustainable, community sports facilities for future generations

1 Marrickville FC adheres to the [National Code of Conduct](#) and the National Code of Conduct applies to all Players, Coaches, Managers and Spectators.

Without limiting the generality of Code of Conduct, a Member will be taken as having brought football into disrepute if any of the following occurs:

- Bringing the FFA or football into disrepute, including through discriminatory behaviour, offensive behaviour, harassment, or incitement of hatred and violence.
- Liability for spectator and supporter conduct.
- Betting, match-fixing, and corruption.
- Intimidation of Match Officials; and
- Disparaging public or media statements.
- **ALL** Players, Coaches, Managers, Volunteers and Spectators must adhere to the NSW Government Public Health Orders.

The Club may enforce the Code of Conduct and impose disciplinary sanctions to any Players, Parents/Guardians, Spectators, and Match Officials who do not comply with the Code Of Conduct.

PLAYERS

A player at a match (Home or Away) or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of FA, a member federation (FNSW), a district association (CDSFA) or a club (MFC) must comply with the below:

- Play by the Rules.
- Play with respect, integrity, and fairness.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Control your temper.
- Don't use bad language or make derogatory remarks.
- Treat your opponent the way you would like to be treated.
- Thank the opposition at the end of the game.
- Accept and respect the officials' decisions.
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- Comply with any team protocol and procedures, including in relation to alcohol and inappropriate relationships.
- Not act in a manner contrary to the best interest of the team.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

A parent or guardian at a match (Home or Away) or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of FA, a member federation (FNSW), a district association (CDSFA) or a club (MFC) must comply with the below:

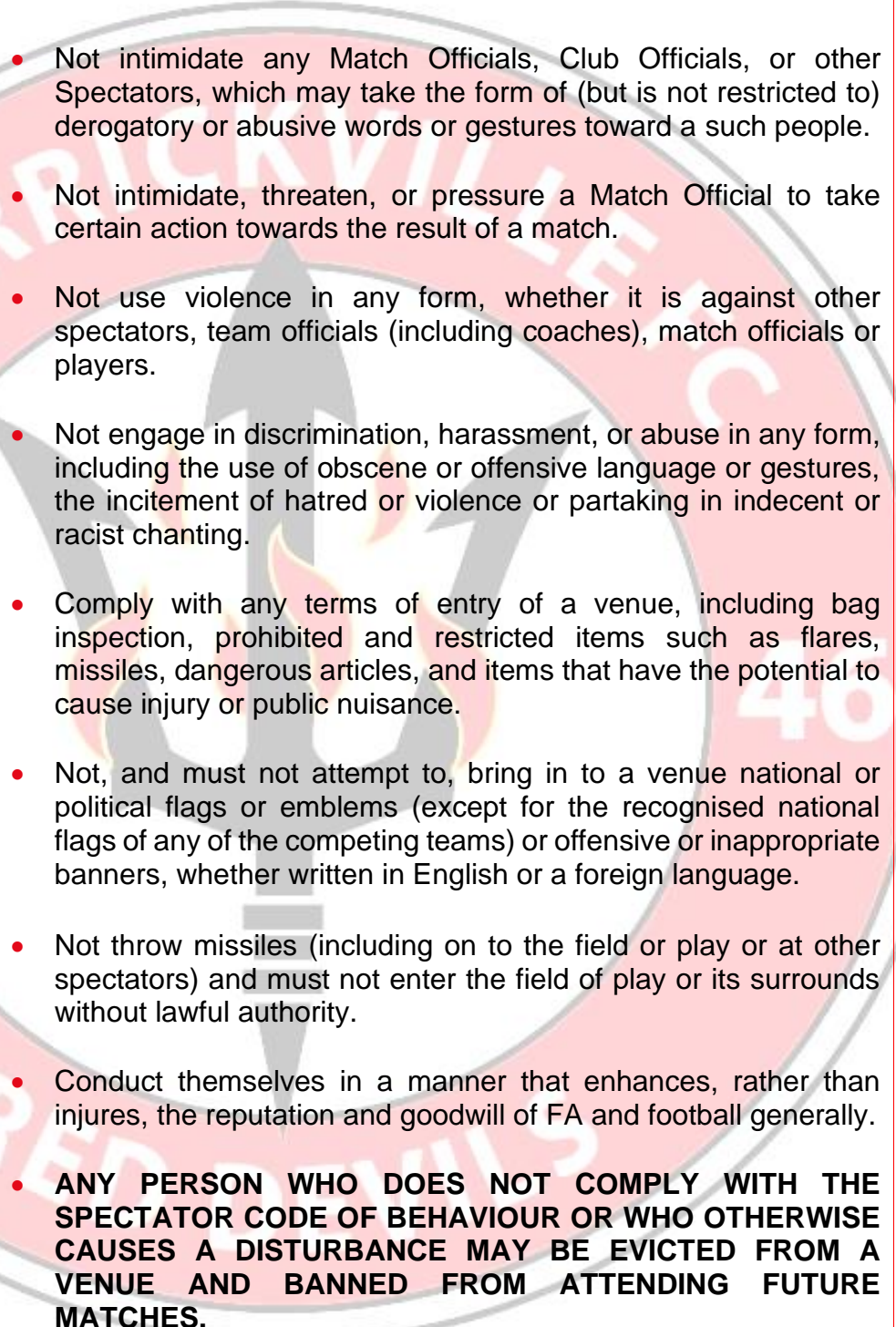
- Not intimidate any Match Officials, Club Officials, or other Spectators, which may take the form of (but is not restricted to) derogatory or abusive words or gestures toward a such people.
- Not intimidate, threaten, or pressure a Match Official to take certain action towards the result of a match.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.

- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Applaud good performance and effort by all players. When watching a game, congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the outcome.
- Show respect for your team's coach, manager, the match officials, and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language and not harassing administrators, coaches, players, match officials or volunteer. Condemn the use of violence at all times.
- Encourage your child to accept the outcome of each game without undue disappointment.
- Be a model of good behaviour for children to copy.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Let the coach do the coaching. Refrain from directing players.
- Stay calm on the sidelines and refrain from constant calling out.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport.
- IT IS JUST A GAME.

SPECTATORS

A spectator at a match (Home or Away) or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of FA, a member federation (FNSW), a district association (CDSFA) or a club (MFC) must comply with the below:

- Respect the decisions of match officials and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake.

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- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
 - Not intimidate any Match Officials, Club Officials, or other Spectators, which may take the form of (but is not restricted to) derogatory or abusive words or gestures toward a such people.
 - Not intimidate, threaten, or pressure a Match Official to take certain action towards the result of a match.
 - Not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, team officials (including coaches), match officials or players.
 - Not engage in discrimination, harassment, or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting.
 - Comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspection, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles, and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance.
 - Not, and must not attempt to, bring in to a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language.
 - Not throw missiles (including on to the field or play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority.
 - Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FA and football generally.
 - **ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR OR WHO OTHERWISE CAUSES A DISTURBANCE MAY BE EVICTED FROM A VENUE AND BANNED FROM ATTENDING FUTURE MATCHES.**