



INVERELL FOOTBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, Carers and Spectators

Inverell Football Club is committed to providing a sporting environment which is safe and fun and promotes participation by all kids. When you register your child to play football with the Inverell Football Club, you agree to abide by the Inverell Football Club's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct applies to all players, parents/carers, officials and spectators.

If you breach the Code of Conduct, there will be a consequence. Consequences range from being asked to stop the negative behaviour; to a player sitting on the sideline for a period of time; or for more serious breaches by players, parents and spectators - being asked to leave the grounds.

Players, parents/carers, officials and spectators are required to read and apply the following Codes of Conduct to all activities relating to Inverell Football Club. Parents/carers, please assist your child to understand what is required of them.

Players:

- Follow and play by the rules.
- Never argue with a sports official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager positively approach the official.
- Control your temper at all times. Verbal abuse of officials and other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviour.
- Work hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all skillful plays whether they are made by your team or the competitors.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents or coaches.
- Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Speak to an adult you trust if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.

Parents/Carers and Spectators

- Always remember that kids participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage kids to participate, do not force them.
- Be positive on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Always encourage kids to play according to the rules and follow the code of conduct.
- Never make negative comments to a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the games outcome.
- Remember that kids learn best by watching great role models – lead by example.
- Reinforce the stance on removing verbal and physical abuse from kids sports games.
- Always respect the officials decisions and teach kids to do likewise.
- Always show appreciation for coaches, referees and club officials – they are all volunteers.
- Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Support all policies and practices of the club – this includes not smoking at the grounds where children play sport and using social media appropriately.
- Ensure you are aware of and follow the correct processes if you have an issue or complaint – do not perpetuate issues with gossip, general criticism or on social media. The person responsible for managing complaints for Inverell Football Club is **Damien Schutz**; the Club President is **James Sweeney**. There is a link on our website to the full copy of the Member Protection Policy.