



Parent, Carers and Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents and Carers play an essential role, whether as spectators, coaches, administrators or officials in supporting junior football (soccer) in Australia. Children learn best by example; therefore Codes of Conduct provide clear behavioural guidelines.

Majura Football Club expects all parents/guardians to abide by the following Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the Majura Football Club Committee.

Registration of your child with Majura FC is regarded as acknowledgment that you have read, and will abide by, the Code of Conduct.

All parents/guardians are to read, and abide by, the following conditions.

- I will remember that the children play for their enjoyment, not mine.
- I will remember that I am a role model. I will set an example of fair play at all games and training.
- I will recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches and managers. If I choose not to volunteer for either position, then I agree to support to those who do, regardless of my opinion of their ability.
- I will leave the coaching to the coach at training and on game days. However, if asked to assist by the coach, I will do so if able.
- I will focus on the children's efforts, rather than a result. I will not ridicule or abuse a child for making a mistake or losing a game. I will only shout encouragement from the sideline.
- I will applaud good play by either team.
- I will respect match officials and their decisions. I will discuss with my child that officials may be learning too, and that they may make mistakes. Reacting poorly to them changes nothing. I will encourage them to ignore a perceived injustice and focus on the game.
- I will not use intimidating or threatening behaviour towards players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians or spectators.
- I will not use foul or abusive language, or racial, ethnic or gender based slurs while at any activity associated with Majura Football Club.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form by players, spectators, coaches or officials.
- I understand that my child's team will be rostered for Club support duties such as BBQ or canteen duty, or field set up duty, and that I am expected to assist on those days.
- I will advise any spectators associated with my child of the requirement to abide by the Code of Conduct.
- I understand that smoking, the consumption of alcohol, or the use of illicit drugs at any Majura Football Club activity is unacceptable.
- If I disagree with a coaching or managerial decision, I will allow a suitable cooling off period before raising the issue with the relevant party. I will do so in a polite, non-confrontational manner.

- If I cannot resolve my complaint, I will advise a MFC Committee member as soon as possible. Complaints should be brought to the Committee's attention within 2 weeks of the incident concerned.
- I will accept any decisions made by the Majura Football Club Committee after due process, including disciplinary action resulting from failure to abide by this Code of Conduct.

Thanks for your support,

Majura Football Club Committee