

# Code of Conduct NSFA REGULATIONS

## SECTION 6



### Player Code of Conduct

- ❖ Play by the rules.
- ❖ Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- ❖ Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- ❖ Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- ❖ Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- ❖ Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ❖ Cooperate with your coach, teammates, referees and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- ❖ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### Spectator Code of Conduct

A spectator at a Match or otherwise involved must:

- Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- 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 inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- Not bring, or attempt to bring into 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 of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- Conduct oneself in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and
- **Remember, young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.**

### Coaches Conduct

- ✓ Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only a part of the fun.
- ✓ Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- ✓ Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

- ✓ Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, and teach your players to do the same.
- ✓ Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- ✓ Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- ✓ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- ✓ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- ✓ Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ✓ Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ✓ Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ✓ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- ✓ Support and practice 'Everyone plays', 'Good sportsmanship' and positive coaching philosophies of Football NSW.

#### **SPORT RAGE**

"Sport Rage" is an initiative of the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation that NSFA fully supports. Sport rage can come in many forms – an unruly parent abusing a referee, a player punching another player, or a spectator shouting racial taunts. These *moments of madness* can result in serious injuries, disciplinary action and even lifetime bans.

Dealing with sport rage is now a major challenge for clubs. It is important that everyone involved in sport unite to combat sport rage.

#### **PREVENTING SPORT RAGE: TIPS FOR PLAYERS**

- ❖ Be a good sport
- ❖ Respect your opponent
- ❖ Respect officials
- ❖ Uphold the code of conduct

#### **PREVENTING SPORT RAGE: TIPS FOR PARENTS**

- ❖ Consider what children want from sport (including fun and enjoyment & being part of a team)
- ❖ Encouraging fair play
- ❖ Keep your emotions in check
- ❖ Respect for coaches
- ❖ Respect for referees and officials
- ❖ Upholding the code of conduct

#### **DEALING WITH SPORT RAGE**

Any person observing behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct should reported the behaviour to the ground official. Any person who is unsure who the ground official is should report the incident to a club committee member.

**Should you need to contact the club in relation to an incident - please contact asap on [MPIO@northsydneyunited.com.au](mailto:MPIO@northsydneyunited.com.au) and [nsupresident@northsydneyunited.com.au](mailto:nsupresident@northsydneyunited.com.au)**