



# SHEPPARTON JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

# CODES OF CONDUCT

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## **PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game. Make yourself familiar with the SJSA Rules & the FIFA Laws of the Game
- (b) Treat Match Officials with respect & do not argue with them, without them you do not have a game. If you disagree with a decision, have your coach approach the Referee Coordinator after the match
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- (d) Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team
- (e) Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition
- (f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- (g) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- (h) Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition
- (i) Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches
- (j) Comply with the SJSA rules concerning jewellery, piercings, headgear, undergarments & shin guards
- (k) Comply with the SJSA Social Media Policy
- (l) Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time



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## **COACHES’/TEAM MANAGERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything
- (b) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm
- (c) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game
- (d) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- (e) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- (f) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official
- (g) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- (i) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- (j) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- (k) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match
- (l) Comply with the SJSA Social Media Policy
- (m) Do not smoke within 10m of a field of play – there is a designated smoking area at the venue & smoking is also banned at training
- (n) Do not consume alcohol anywhere throughout the venue during our match day
- (o) Do not attend any SJSA match or training session under the influence of alcohol
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- (q) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them



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## **PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, and not yours
- (b) Encourage children to play according to the rules and spirit of the game
- (c) Encourage all children to participate, do not force them
- (d) Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing)
- (e) Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- (f) Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- (g) Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams
- (h) Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- (i) Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise
- (j) Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels
- (k) 'Smart Supporting' – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and at all times positive
- (l) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
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## **SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome
- (b) Respect the match official's decisions on the day
- (c) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- (d) Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game
- (e) Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official
- (f) Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club Officials or spectators
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## **ADMINISTRATORS’ CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating
- (b) Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs
- (c) Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others
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## **MATCH OFFICIALS’ CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- (b) Praise and encourage all participants
- (c) Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- (d) Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents
- (e) Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects
- (f) Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members
- (g) Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing
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- (o) Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive