



Bunyip & District Soccer Club

SPECTATOR AND PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using inappropriate language and harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- putting undue pressure on children/players, berating them or putting down their performance
- Consuming alcohol and drugs at a game or training or being under the influence at a club event.

What we will do

- Provide information to members, their parents and other sporting personnel about our *Spectator and Player Behaviour* expectations and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through other club communication.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol to training, a game or no-alcohol club event.
- Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at or after a game.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g. appoint a ground official to monitor behaviour).
- Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.



What we ask you to do

Parents:

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present, ask for their assistance if you feel the confrontation may cause an unwanted/unreasonable/unsafe response.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the club president or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

I, _____ (the parent) have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a spectator of the Bunyip & District Soccer Club.

Signature: _____ Date: / /

For players 12 years + Player's Name: _____

- I Will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be deemed offensive, or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game or the Bunyip & District Soccer club when on or off the field.
- I Will refrain from arguing with the referees and/or assistant referees regarding the decisions they make.
- I Will treat all participants, officials and spectators with respect and play by the rules of the game.
- I Will cooperate with my coach, team mates, referees and officials.
- I Will not use any banned substances or drugs of dependence throughout my involvement with the Bunyip & District Soccer Club.
- I Will display good sportsmanship at all times.

I understand that any breach of the these rules shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Bunyip & District Soccer Club with possible suspension and/or expulsion from the club.

Signature: _____ Date: / /