



# Strathfield Football Club

## Code of Conduct for Coaches/Managers



The purpose of this Code is to provide all players at Strathfield Football Club (Strathfield FC) with an enjoyable and safe sporting environment, where they are able to develop as players gaining personal fulfilment and satisfaction through friendly competition.

To this end, as a Coach/Manager it is your role to support each player and treat each of them as a team member and as an individual. In addition, you have a special responsibility to ensure that you strive to build the character of your players, as well as their skills and promote sportsmanship over gamesmanship.

As Coach/Manager of Strathfield Football Club I agree to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every individual player and treat every one equally regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion,
- Respect the talent, potential, developmental stage and goals of each player so that each player reaches their full potential,
- Ensure that all players receive an appropriate level of attention and opportunities so that their time spent playing football is a positive experience,
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport of football promoting fair play over winning at any cost and encourage players to do the same,
- Maintain high standards of integrity, sportsmanship and adopt responsible behaviour in all interactions:
  - respect the decisions of officials and referees,
  - actively discourage foul play, sledging or any unsportsmanlike behaviour by players at all times on and off the field,
  - not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours and remove from the field any player/s whose behavior is not acceptable and breaches the Strathfield FC's Code of Conduct,
  - display control and courtesy to all involved with the game of football,
  - develop a team respect for their opponents ability,
  - teach my players that an honest effort is as important as a win,
  - be a positive role model for my players, Club and football.
- act in a professional and ethical manner at all times:
  - accept responsibility for my decisions and actions,
  - show concern for the health, safety and welfare of every player,
  - keep my knowledge of coaching and training methods up to date,
  - set appropriate training programs based upon the individual characteristics of each player and the team,
  - ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards,
  - ensure my decisions and actions contribute to a safe and harassment free environment,
  - refrain from initiating a sexual relationship with a player and actively discourage any attempt by a player to initiate a sexual relationship with me,
  - abide by the Club's Member Protection Policy.
  - never arrive at a football game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a junior game and only drink alcohol, if it is available, in a responsible manner in the designated area set by the Strathfield FC.
- ensure the Codes/Rules of Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association Inc. are followed.

In registering with the Strathfield Football Club, I agree to abide by these principles. I support the Strathfield FC in its undertakings and encourage the Strathfield FC to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any coaches, managers, players and/or supporters for repeated or serious breaches of the Club's Codes of Conduct.

**Coach/Manager**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**(NB: If you are under the age of 18 years, a signature of parent/caregiver is also required)**

**Parent/ Carers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_