



100 YEARS STRONG

# CODE OF CONDUCT

We are committed to ensuring a positive and inclusive environment for all participants. Our Code of Conduct provides that players, parents, members, spectators, coaches, and officials contribute to the welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere we strive to maintain. As a member of Canterbury Lions Football Club, individuals are expected to adhere to this Code of Conduct, which the Club Committee oversees. The Committee will address breaches of the code to preserve the Club's reputation as a community focused and safe place.

## PLAYERS

1. Never argue with a match official. Address concerns through the captain, coach, or manager after the match.
2. Play by the rules and uphold the spirit of the game.
3. Control your temper, avoid verbal abuse or provocation. Treat all officials and players with respect.
4. Be a good sport, applaud good plays, and avoid ridiculing mistakes.
5. Cooperate with coaches, team mates and opponents.
6. Attend training and games on time and communicate any absences promptly.
7. Participate for personal enjoyment, respecting the rights and worth of all participants.
8. Value the rights, dignity and worth of every participant, irrespective of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
9. Physical violence will not be tolerated.
10. Accept accountability for your actions.
11. Players 18 years and over are to display responsible behaviour concerning alcohol.

## PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

1. Set a positive example through your conduct.
2. Encourage children without forcing participation.
3. Emphasise effort and performance over winning or losing.
4. Positive comments motivate players.
5. Avoid ridicule and support all players, not just your child.
6. Encourage children to play by the rules and respect officials' decisions.
7. Show appreciation for coaches, managers, officials and administrators and display control and professionalism.
8. Inform the team manager of any game attendance issues promptly.
9. No coaching from the sideline, only one voice – the coach's
10. Support all team players with encouragement from the sideline.
11. Under no circumstances are you permitted to enter the field during play.
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## COACHES

1. Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a junior player for making a mistake or not winning.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. Keep up to date with the laws, rules and regulations appropriate for the age and division you are coaching.
5. Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
6. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
7. Avoid overplaying "talented" players; all players need and deserve equal time.
8. Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
9. Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
10. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when deciding whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
11. Obtain proper qualification and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of your players.
12. Any physical contact with a junior player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's development.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS

1. Compliment and encourage all participants.
2. Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
3. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
4. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
5. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
6. Keep up to date with the latest processes, procedures and rules required for managing a team.
7. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
8. Primarily place the safety and welfare of the participants first.
9. Give all people a "fair go" regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## REVIEW

Club Rules are to be reviewed annually or as necessary to ensure it remains effective and compliant. Any changes should be communicated to all relevant members.