



# LANGWARRIN SOCCER CLUB Inc.

LAWTON PARK

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## Code of conduct

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### 1. For Player

- Play by the Rules
- Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain/coach approach the official during a break in play or after the game
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, players or deliberately provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition
- Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you

### 2. For Parents

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, and not yours
- Encourage all children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing)
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise
- Show respect and appreciation to club volunteers, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels
- Do not consume alcohol near the team bench or sideline



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## **3. For Coaches**

- Remember that children participate for the fun of it & winning is not everything
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and laws of the games
- Try to avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve reasonable time on the playing field
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official
- 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
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria) and the principles of growth and development in children
- Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

## **4. Administrators' Code of Behaviour**

- Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making process in the club network
- Ensure the rules, equipment, length of games and training principles suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players
- Remember that children will only continue with soccer, provided they enjoy their experience, so do not over-emphasise awards
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating
- Ensure everyone involved in soccer emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs



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- 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
- Support the implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy
- Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time

## **5. Official's Code of Behaviour**

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

## **6. Junior Spectators' Code of Behaviour**

- Remember all children play soccer for their enjoyment, not just yours
- Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome
- Respect the match official's decisions on the day and teach children to do the same
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake before, during or after the game, as this may deter that child from continuing in the sport
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official
- Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, club officials or spectators

