



# CODE OF CONDUCT

# 2023

## Players and Spectators

The following document is a modified interpretation of the Football Federation Australia (FFA) Code of Conduct, which is to be adhered to by all teams, its' players, its' spectators and all Lindfield Sports Centre (LSC) officials.

### 1. BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE

1.1 A Member must not bring LSC or the game of football into Disrepute.

1.2 Without limiting the generality of clause 1.1, a Member will be taken as having brought football into Disrepute if any of the following occurs:

- a) discriminatory behaviour, including public disparagement of, discrimination against, or vilification of, a person on account of an Attribute;
- b) harassment, including sexual harassment or any unwelcome sexual conduct which makes a person feel offended, humiliated and/or intimidated where that reaction is reasonable in the circumstances;
- c) offensive behaviour, including offensive, obscene, provocative or insulting gestures, language or chanting;
- d) provocation or incitement of hatred or violence;
- e) spectator or crowd violence;
- f) intimidation of Match Officials, which may take the form of (but is not restricted to) derogatory or abusive words or gestures toward a Match Official or the use of violence or threats to pressure a Match Official to take or omit to take certain action regardless of where such action is taken;
- g) forgery and falsification, including creation of a false document, forgery of a document or signature, the making of a false claim or providing inaccurate or false information on a prescribed form;
- h) corruption, including offering a Benefit or an advantage to a Player or an Official in an attempt to incite him or her to violate FIFA Statutes or FFA Statutes;
- i) abuse of position to obtain personal benefit;
- j) commission or charge of a criminal offence; or
- k) any other conduct, behaviour or statement that materially injures the reputation and goodwill of FFA or football generally.

1.3 A Team is deemed to have committed an offence under this section where its crowd or its spectators have engaged in any of the conduct outlined in clause 1.2.

1.4 Players and Officials are entitled to have their privacy respected and this Code is not intended to apply to private activities engaged in by a Player or an Official that are not in the public domain.



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### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

2.1 A Player and an Official must:

- a) at all times behave in a manner that promotes and upholds the highest standards of integrity, dignity and professionalism;
- b) comply with any team protocol and procedures, including in relation to alcohol, curfews and inappropriate relationships;
- c) not act in a manner contrary to the best interests of the team;
- d) play in good faith and uphold a positive spirit whilst competing;
- e) respect all team members, opposition players and officials;
- f) participate with an honest approach, enforcing principles such as trust and sportsmanship; and
- g) understand that the emphasis on playing is participation, enjoyment and making the most out of the opportunity.

### 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

3.1 Any terms used but not defined in this Code of Conduct have the meaning given to them in the FFA Statutes.

3.2 In this Code:

Attribute means race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin, gender, transgender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, pregnancy or intellectual or physical impairment or any other attribute specified under commonwealth or state legislation.

Benefit means money, gift, advantage, consideration or any other benefit or reward, whether in cash or kind.

Team means any team registered with Lindfield Sports Centre in accordance with the competition registration regulations from time to time. A reference to Team includes a team admitted by:

- a) Competition Co-ordinator to field a team in a Competition;

Disrepute means any conduct, statement or appearance in public that is damaging to reputation.

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