

Macedon Rangers SC Code of Conduct



At Macedon Rangers Soccer Club, we take pride in fostering an environment that promotes friendship, a healthy lifestyle, continuous engagement in football, and an enduring passion for the game.

We achieve this by promoting appropriate standards of behaviour that ensure the safety, inclusivity, and warmth of our club for all participants.

Our Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviours from every individual associated with the club, while also clearly identifying behaviours that will not be tolerated.

This code incorporates the principles of the Victorian government's [Fair Play Code](#).

We kindly request parents to sit down and explain the code of conduct to their children, ensuring they understand their responsibilities as players and comprehend the expected behaviour from others involved in the club. We encourage all participants to feel empowered to address behaviour that does not align with the code.

Player Code of Conduct

1. Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
2. Maintain focus during training and games. Work hard for your team and yourself.
3. Adhere to the rules and play within the spirit of the game.
4. Respect and cooperate with your coach, club officials, teammates, and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
5. Be a 'good sport' by encouraging and praising fair play over winning at all costs.
6. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
7. Always shake hands with and show respect to your opponents after the game.
8. Remove all jewellery before training and matches, as it poses a hazard to you and those around you.
9. Do not argue with or abuse any match official. Officials are not required to explain their decisions. They are generally volunteers and will make mistakes, just as you will. Treat them as you would like to be treated.
10. Do not engage in any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse, intimidation, victimization, or vilification of others, including based on age, race, sex, disability, sexuality, gender identity, or religion.
11. Immediately report any safety issues to your coach or team manager.

Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

1. Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to play according to the rules and the spirit of the game.
3. Encourage all children to participate but do not force them.
4. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the outcome (winning or losing) of the

activity.

5. Refrain from giving instructions or coaching your child from the sideline. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by both teams.
7. Practice 'Smart Supporting' - be calm, relaxed, and consistently positive rather than loud and intense.
8. Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, team managers, and administrators.
9. Do not argue with or abuse any match official. Officials are not obligated to explain their decisions. They are usually parents or volunteers who may make mistakes. Treat them as you would like to be treated.
10. Do not engage in any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse, intimidation, victimization, or vilification of others based on age, race, sex, disability, sexuality, gender identity, or religion.
11. Condemn any use of violence, whether by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
12. Immediately report any safety issues to your coach or team manager.
13. Refrain from smoking or consuming alcohol near the pitch.

Coaches' Code of Conduct

1. Remember that players participate for the enjoyment of the sport.
2. Focus on the ongoing development of each individual player and the team as a whole. Winning is not everything.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to abide by the rules and the spirit of the game, leading by example.
5. Develop and enhance respect among players, opposition coaches, and the decisions of match officials.
6. Ensure players exhibit good sportsmanship by having each team member shake hands with their opponents at the conclusion of every match.
7. Comply with the Football Australia [Member Protection Framework](#).
8. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury.
10. Refrain from smoking or consuming alcohol on the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline areas.
11. Remember that your actions and those of your team reflect the perception others take away from their interactions with you.

Club Officials Code of Conduct

1. Be honest, fair, respectful, trustworthy, reliable, open, and transparent in dealings with others.
2. Treat everyone involved in a considerate, objective, and courteous manner, respecting their rights, dignity, and worth.
3. Provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment that prioritizes the health, welfare, and well-being of participants above all else.
4. Take all reasonable steps to ensure equipment, facilities, and programs meet health and safety

standards and are suitable for the age and ability of participants.

5. Ensure compliance with the Football Australia [Member Protection Framework](#).

6. Avoid any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Social Media and Online Activity

The following actions or behaviours are prohibited when associated with Macedon Rangers SC:

1. Bullying, harassing, or threatening social media posts.
2. Use of discriminatory, racist, homophobic, or sexist language in social media posts.
3. Impersonation or false representation of any other person.
4. Disclosure or use of confidential information belonging to Macedon Rangers SC or its stakeholders.
5. Slandorous, defamatory, or libelous comments.
6. Posting information that brings, or in the reasonable opinion of Macedon Rangers SC, may likely bring the club into disrepute.

Note: Online correspondence directed toward a particular person or club, which may not individually constitute misconduct, may be regarded as harassment if it is consistent, continuous, or persists after the person or club has requested the correspondence to cease.

Please read and sign the section below:

I have read the Code of Conduct and have explained its contents to my child. Our family agrees to abide by its contents and will address any behaviour that does not meet these standards.

We understand that disciplinary action may involve penalties and/or sanctions. Depending on the severity of the breach, these actions may include one or a combination of the following:

1. Requiring a verbal or written apology.
2. Issuing a letter of reprimand.
3. Suspension from playing duties and training privileges.
4. Expulsion from the club.

Please indicate your agreement by signing below.

Parent Name:

Player Name:

Parent Signature:

Date: