



CAIRNS SAINTS FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB POSITIVE MATCH DAY ENVIRONMENT

Purpose

The Cairns Saints Australian Football and Netball Club prides itself on its culture both on and off the field, players and supporters alike. Supporters and parents behaving poorly or setting a bad example during junior and senior sporting fixtures damages the reputation of the club, the leagues and the games of Australian Rules Football and Netball themselves and as such, will not be tolerated. *This policy aligns to Section 32 of the Constitution.*

Behaviour that will not be tolerated includes, but is not limited to:

- Swearing
- Abuse of players, other participants (runners, water carriers, trainers, time keepers, score board attendants)
- Disrespect and abuse of umpires is not acceptable and will not be tolerated
- Spitting
- Abuse of other spectators
- Abuse aimed towards coaches, marshalls and other club committee members
- Use of non-sanctioned items during junior matches and at junior grounds including smoking, alcohol and drugs

The Cairns Saints asks parents, members and supporters to observe and follow the code of conduct detailed below:

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate – do not force participation upon them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and self-esteem rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for the team losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators, without whom your child could not participate.
- Respect umpire's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.

Club Sanctions

The following club sanctions will be enforced for any member, player, spectator and/or official that brings the game into disrepute.

Juniors

Where a parent or spectator's behaviour is deemed inappropriate and is reported to the club's Junior Executive, the club's Junior Executive should adopt an education approach and advise the person/s responsible that such behaviour will not be tolerated. If the behaviour continues, a meeting with the person/s responsible and the club's Junior Executive should occur whereby the club's Junior Executive should remind the person/s responsible of their obligation to the code of conduct. If continued breaches occur or further action is warranted, club sanctions may be imposed on the person/s responsible by the club's Junior Executive and may include:

- A formal reprimand or warning
- Suspension from attendance at matches
- A suspended match suspension

- Escalation of the incident and/or behaviour to the League Executive
- Other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Junior Executive

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