



## MFC Rules and Code of Conduct

*“Fair play and fun will bring success to our community football club”*

The Moggill Football Club is a rapidly developing community based sporting club. With this development and growth there is need to set guidelines for the behaviour that we believe will help us all to be part of our future success. In addition, as a sporting body affiliated to an association we are required to ensure that everyone behaves in an appropriate manner.

Therefore we are putting greater emphasis upon this aspect of the Club. We are clearly stating in our Mission statement that “having fun” and “fairplay” are central values for the Club. The two will always go hand in hand. We have also put together our own rules and Code of Conduct that we believe will help everyone to enjoy playing the game more than ever.

As part of the Registration procedure, players, parents and associates are asked to agree to the Club rules and Code of Conduct. Obviously we then need everyone’s cooperation to make them work. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to take action if there is a breach. In this way we can ensure everyone continues to enjoy playing soccer with Moggill Football Club, and that the great reputation of which we are currently so proud is not damaged.

Please note that all players in the Club over the age of 17 are members of the Club. Also each parent or guardian whose name is entered on a registration form becomes a member of the Club. These rules and Code of Conduct apply to all sections of the club, SSF, Competitive Age, Youth, Women’s, and Senior Men’s. The club reserves the right to refuse any application for membership.

In order to become a Club member, you must agree that:

1. All fees due should be paid in a timely manner, and before the first game of the season.
2. Where necessary, you will provide an appropriate Proof of Age, before the first game of the season.
3. Only registered players and team officials may take part in club training sessions. Any players "triallying" at Moggill must be registered and financial before taking part in ANY fixtures.



4. You will abide by the Club's Rules and Code of Conduct (including those set down by the BSRC). The MFC Committee will enforce the following Code, which is based on that provided by Football Australia.

#### **SMOKING:**

The entire playing surface (including an area 6m from the edge of any grass playing or training surface) of MFC is a Non Smoking Area whilst games or training are taking part. Smokers can use the designated smoking area with the licensed area of the BSRC deck or the public carpark.

#### **FOR PLAYERS:**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, other players or spectators is unacceptable behaviour.
- Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Physical violence will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

#### **FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS:**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.



- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators - without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- You are not allowed on the field except when tending to an injured player, and then only when called onto the field by the official.
- You are not allowed to stand behind or near the goals (even though it is very tempting to stand near the younger goalies to give them support). All encouragement for the goalies must be provided from the sideline.
- The entire area between the Home and Away team dugouts of Field One is part of the "Technical Area". Only players and match officials are permitted within this area. NO SPECTATORS.
- Physical violence, offensive language and threatening behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

#### **FOR COACHES:**

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.



- Take appropriate steps to minimise scoring in runaway games (this is really important in the non-competition age groups and the lower divisions of the competition age groups).
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Whenever possible obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
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#### **FOR OFFICIALS:**

- Where permissible, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.



- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.