



Spectators and Parents/Caregivers Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

Eastern Suburbs are committed to ensuring football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment

Junior/Youth football is a time for players to develop technical, physical, tactical, and social skills

Winning isn't everything

It is imperative that spectators and parents/caregivers follow this code of conduct at all times

I WILL:

- Remember that players play for FUN and to develop
- Applaud effort and good play; winning is not the most important outcome
- Always respect the match officials' decision; they are human
- Not question the methodology or tactical approach; players are learning to play a specific style of football where process is everything
- Remain at least 25m away from the area where a training session is taking place
- Let the coach do their job; it is not my job to confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, the referee, their teammates, and any match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake – mistakes are central to learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, racist, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by

Eastern Suburbs AFC. I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club representative
- Required to meet with relevant Director of Football
- Required to meet with the Club Executive
- Asked to leave the match venue
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Stand down period enforced and placed on a good behaviour timeline
- Required to leave the club, along with any dependents

We appreciate your support as we work alongside New Zealand Football and Northern Region Football to stamp out abuse and model positive behaviours for our up-and-coming Lilywhites

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