

CODES of BEHAVIOUR



PLAYERS

PLAY FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT

- Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit; so will you.
- Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays whether they be by your team or the other team.
- Treat all players the way you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

COACHES

CHILDREN PLAY FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT

- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.

PARENTS

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- If children are interested, encourage them to play. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them.
- Focus upon the child's effort and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children are involved with organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Verbal and physical abuse is not acceptable on or off the field.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and they deserve your total support.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY SUMMARY- COACHES & MANAGERS

The Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Assn policy has been adopted and a player register is required to be maintained. Therefore it is important that you read below and keep the training register and team sheet up-to-date.

1. SCCSA requires that anyone who reasonably suspects that a child has been or is being abused by someone, to report it immediately to the police or relevant government agency. Incidents should also be reported to the Club President/Chairman and Chairman of SCCSA if the allegations are made against a member of a club or the SCCSA or those associated with these organisations, for example contractors.
2. Management, Coaches or Managers have a right to ask for proof of ID when a visitor or parent is unknown to them. Visitors and parents are never to be left alone with children out of sight.
3. Attendance sheets should be kept for all practices, games and other activities etc.
4. Coach and/or manager should arrive well before an activity (practice and/or games) and ensure all children are picked up by parent or pre-arranged care giver before leaving.
5. Each person with a position of responsibility to be aware of their Duty of Care, and responsibility to provide a safe, caring environment for the children, they must be alert and watchful at all times, putting the needs of the children before their own.
6. All aspects are open to the observation by parents and other related adults.
7. The age of individuals be recognised as one of the determinants in deciding what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.
8. A child should never be left alone or a leader should always avoid one on one situations with a child in a closed environment or be left with a lone child at the end of an activity. Always stay in an open environment where you can be seen and the children can be seen.
9. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the toilet. The adult is to check the toilets and leave the child in the toilet with door closed and then stand near the toilet entrance. If a child needs assistance it again should require two people to be present. Special attention is required at toilet blocks in parks where toilets should be checked and children closely supervised but still observing their privacy.
10. When coaches etc are in physical contact with children, care should be taken to respect the child's feelings and privacy. Ensure that any physical contact cannot be misinterpreted.
11. Adults and children are expected to respect the privacy of others during activities that require undressing, dressing or changing clothes.
12. A Risk Management Assessment is to be undertaken before training, games or other activities. (eg. Check for glass, needles or other potential dangers)
13. Members should not visit children in their own homes unless a parent/carer is present and/or the member visits with another adult.
14. Coaches, Managers or other members should not drive a child unaccompanied.
15. When counselling or consoling a child it should be done in view of others yet out of hearing range.
16. When a child confides in a member that they are a victim of abuse, that member will refer the matter to the Club President/Chairman who will follow the procedures of Disclosure outlined in Part C.
17. Any person in breach of policy may be suspended immediately from any positions of responsibility until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Club and SCCSA.
18. Any member charged with abuse shall be suspended immediately until proven innocent.

