



OLD IVANHOE SOCCER CLUB

Old Ivanhoe Soccer Club Code of Conduct

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Every person has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive.
2. Equally, everyone plays a part in ensuring their actions and behaviors are supportive of these values.
3. It is vital that everyone involved with Old Ivanhoe Soccer Club (**Club**), including players, coaches, parents, officials, supporters and other associates understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the game of soccer in a friendly and family-oriented atmosphere.
4. Our Codes of Conduct are simple and must be followed to ensure that all club associates can have an enjoyable, safe experience without the ramifications of facing Football Victoria Disciplinary hearings for non-compliance.
5. Please take the time to read and familiarise yourselves with the information attached for: Players, Coaches, Spectators and Parents.
6. Please do what you can to positively influence acceptable behaviour at our games, whether they are home or away, to ensure a great experience by all.



2. PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct shall apply to all players. Any breach hereof shall be subject to disciplinary action by Football Victoria (**FV**) and/or the Club, and may result in penalties, fines (payable by the individual), suspension or expulsion from the Club.

1. I fully agree to play under the jurisdiction of the FV as a registered player of the Club.
2. I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be deemed offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game or the Club when on or off the field.
3. I will refrain from arguing with the referee and/or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
4. I will treat participants, officials and spectators with respect.
5. I will play by the laws of the game.
6. I will cooperate with my coach, team mates, referees and officials.
7. I will not use any banned substance, drugs of dependence or other illicit substance throughout my involvement with the Club.
8. I will always display good sportsmanship.
9. I will not bring the game or the Club into disrepute.



3. PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct shall apply to all parents. Any breach hereof shall be subject to disciplinary action by Football Victoria (**FV**) and/or the Club, and may result in penalties, fines (payable by the individual), suspension or expulsion from the Club.

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. 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 all teams.
7. Do not engage in any verbal or physical abuse and support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation of coaches, volunteers, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
10. Respect the facilities that being used.
11. Do not bring the game or the Club into disrepute.



4. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct shall apply to all Coaches. Any breach hereof shall be subject to disciplinary action by Football Victoria (**FV**) and/or the Club, and may result in penalties, fines (payable by the individual), suspension or expulsion from the Club.

1. Always maintain a valid Working With Children Check (WWC).
2. Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun.
3. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or for not winning a game.
4. Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
5. Always operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
6. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
7. Avoid overplaying the talented player, the less developed player need and deserve equal time.
8. Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
9. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport. Encourage players to do the same.
10. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of the player, a parent or a medical advisor when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition games.



11. Where required by the Club, obtain appropriate coaching qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth development and conditioning of players.
12. Any physical contact by the coach with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
14. Be fair, considerate and honest with your player.
15. Be a positive role model for your players on and off the field.
16. Do not bring the game or the Club into disrepute.





5. SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct shall apply to all spectators. Any breach hereof shall be subject to disciplinary action by Football Victoria (**FV**) and/or the Club, and may result in penalties, fines (payable by the individual), suspension or expulsion from the Club.

1. Remember all children play football for their enjoyment, not just yours.
2. Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome.
3. Respect the match official's decisions and teach players to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake before, during or after the game, as this may deter that child from continuing in the sport.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect to both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official.
8. Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club officials or spectators.
9. Do not engage in any verbal or physical abuse and support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Do not bring the game or the Club into disrepute.