

## **Players, Parents & Coaches**

Bellingen Football Club follows the Code of Conduct guidelines from Northern NSW soccer.

### **Players**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager respectfully and politely approach the official during the break at the appropriate time.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will yours.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any other player.
7. Co-operate with your team coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
8. Play the game for the fun of it, not just to please parents and coaches.

### **Coaches**

1. Remember children participate for their enjoyment and that winning is only a small part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable amount of success.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of your players.
7. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The average players need and deserve equal time.
8. Develop team respect for ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of the child.

### **Parents**

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. Applaud good performance and effort by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the outcome
6. Show respect for your team's coach, the referee and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or referees. Condemn the use of violence at all times.
8. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
9. Be a model of good behaviour for children to copy.

10. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

11. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport.