

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



Our kids are our pride and joy.

For every parent, our child is special, and rightly so. Parents only want the best for their kids. And when it comes to sport, that often means seeing them succeed and do well. Sport is a contagious activity. The action of a game is exciting. Sometimes, it all gets a bit too exciting. It's hard to step back, and appreciate that, as spectators, we are not playing the game!

FC Birrarung prides itself on nurturing a culture where players develop and sport is played for fun. So as coaches and parents, it's our responsibility to set a great example, and let the players play.

In this code of spectator conduct, we explain the standards we expect of spectators at FC Birrarung.

Some standards are not negotiable. We uphold values that make sport a safe and inclusive activity. Some standards exist simply to create the best environment for children and young people to develop and have fun.

We ask all parents to read this guide and support our goal of making FC Birrarung the best place to learn, play and enjoy football.

Thank you for your support.

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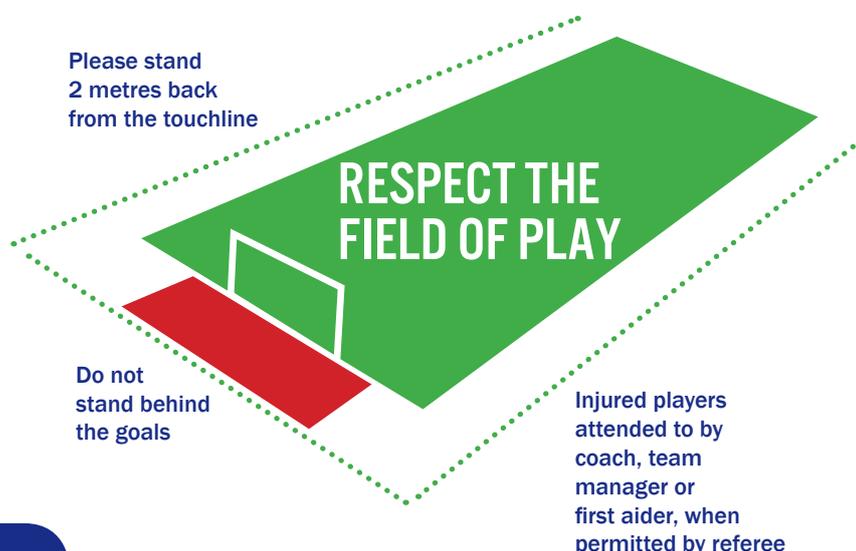
Coaching Coordinator

NO SIDELINE COACHING

We all mean well when we give advice to players on the field. But the reality is, we're not helping much, and certainly not in the long term. The reason is simple: we want players to develop their own decision-making ability. The best way to do this is to build skills and key behaviours at training, and then allow the players to test themselves during the match. Inevitably, mistakes happen. And possibly, a game is lost. But if we don't let them think on their own, they'll never learn it for themselves.

Research shows that children often play with fear of letting parents down, or feel embarrassed when they hear their mum or dad yelling out across the field.

The more we let them solve football problems on the pitch for themselves, the more creative they will become. When this happens you will notice a big improvement in their performance, because they know how to make good decisions in match situations. And instead of following specific instructions from us, they are using their own judgement and initiative. Which is the best outcome for everyone.



BE THE BEST SUPPORTERS

- LET THE PLAYERS PLAY
- PRAISE THE EFFORT, NOT THE OUTCOME
- SUPPORT ALL THE PLAYERS IN THE TEAM
- ADMIRE GOOD PLAY BY THE OPPOSITION
- RESPECT THE OFFICIALS AND THE COACHES
- FOLLOW GAME MARSHAL INSTRUCTIONS

ZERO TOLERANCE

- NO THREATENING BEHAVIOUR
- NO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE
- NO VERBAL ABUSE
- NO RACIST OR DISCRIMINATORY REMARKS
- DO NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY