



# Code of Conduct

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# Introduction

This Code of Conduct for Belmont City Football Club (the Club) supplements the Code of Conduct by Football West (FW), an updated copy of which is available on Football West website.

The Club Code of Conduct, as well as Football West Code of Conduct, apply to all members and associates of Belmont City Football Club, including but not limited to:

- Club officials (including office bearers, coaching staff, managers, volunteers and/or other associates);
- Players; and,
- Supporters.

**The Club reserves the right to warn, suspend, or terminate the membership of any of its members deemed to be in breach of it's Code of Conduct as set out in this document, or Football West Code of Conduct.**

In addition to the Club, FW or FFA could also impose a fine, suspension, or loss of competition points where applicable against a club member, a team or The Club.

# Club Officials

All Club Officials at Belmont City Football Club, including office bearers, coaching staff, managers, volunteers and / or other associates MUST:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, race, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
3. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer and encourage all participants to do the same.
4. Ensure that other club officials, players, members, spectators and sponsors understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
5. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
6. Ensure that verbal abuse is not practiced nor tolerated.
7. Ensure privacy and confidentiality of all club members is respected, and that a culture of trust and mateship thrives at the club.
8. Act as role models and remember that their actions is reflective of the perception others take away with them for the Club.

Additionally, all coaching staff and managers MUST:

1. Always operate within the rules and the spirit of the game, and teach the players to do the same.
2. Ensure that rules, equipment, nature and length of training sessions meet the safety standards and take into consideration the age, ability and fitness levels of participating members.
3. Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sporting behaviour and skills.
4. Recognise the significance of injury and sickness, and seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training or competition.
5. Display and promote respect for referees, team mates, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, and spectators.
6. Ensure well-being and safety of referees and encourage good sportsmanship before, during and after matches.
7. Ensure that arriving intoxicated (from either alcohol or drugs) to team training, game days or any other club event will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
8. Reject and report the use of performance enhancing substances, or any other banned or unauthorised drugs, in sport.

# Players

All Players at Belmont City Football Club MUST:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, race, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
3. Play by the rules.
4. Control their temper and ensure that verbal or physical abuse of officials and other players, or deliberately provoking other players, is not practiced nor tolerated.
5. Cooperate with club officials, coaching staff, teammates, referees and opponents.
6. Not argue with the match official(s); if you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded.
7. Avoid using derogatory language at all times.
8. Ensure privacy and confidentiality of all club members is respected, and that a culture of trust and mateship thrives at the club.
9. Not arrive intoxicated (from either alcohol or drugs) to team training, game days or any other club event.
10. Not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s).

# Spectators

All spectators at Belmont City Football Club MUST:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
3. Respect the match official's decisions on the day.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
5. Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game.
6. Not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, club officials or spectators.

# APPENDIX A

## Football West Code of Conduct

(Available on Football West website: [www.footballwest.com.au](http://www.footballwest.com.au) )