



## Northbridge FC Code of Conduct

Northbridge FC abides by the Football Federation Australia (FFA) Football Code of Conduct and National Member Protection Policy <https://www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/National%20Member%20Protection%20Policy.pdf> which applies to all members and governs:

- Bringing FFA or Football into disrepute, including through discriminatory behaviour, offensive behaviour and incitement of hatred or violence;
- Liability for spectator and supporter conduct;
- Betting, match-fixing and corruption; and
- Disparaging public or media statements.

### **Expectations of all stakeholders associated with Northbridge Football Club**

Northbridge Football Club prides itself on participating in football in a fair manner that advances the sport for all. The following applies to all those involved in the club.

1. Unauthorised use of club images, content and commentary on social media platforms is prohibited.
2. Engagement in betting, match-fixing or corruption is not permitted and will be addressed by expulsion from the club
3. Disparaging public or media commentary regarding the club, its players, officials or coaches is unacceptable.
4. Disparaging public or media commentary regarding other clubs, their players, officials or spectators is not tolerated.
5. Any behaviour that brings football into disrepute is prohibited, including and not limited to physical or verbal altercations, bullying, harassment or discrimination.

Behaviour that is substantiated and in contravention of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action including, and not limited to suspension from the club.

## Expectations of Players

- Play by the Rules
- 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.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of official or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will yours.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any other player.
- Cooperate with your team coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Play the game for the fun of it, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Attend every training session and game in Northbridge kit.
- Inform your coach or manager at least 24 hours prior of non-attendance.
- Respect your coach, manager, team mates, referees and opposition players.
- Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, intimidation of exclusory behaviour.

## Expectations of Parents, Guardians and Supporters

The National Code of Conduct applies to all parents at any playing level. Parents, guardians and supporters are expected to behave in a way that is a credit to themselves and the Northbridge Football Club.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your player participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your player's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Applaud good performance and effort by all players. When watching a game, congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the outcome.
- Show respect for your team's coach, the manager, the referee and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or referees. Condemn the use of violence at all times.

- Teach your player that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Be a model of good behaviour for players to copy.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach players to do likewise.
- Do not approach the coaches during, before or after the games.
- Let the coach do the coaching. Refrain from directing players.
- Stay calm on the sidelines and refrain from constant calling out.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport.
- IT IS JUST A GAME

## **Spectator Code of Behaviour**

A spectator at a match or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of FFA, a member federation, a district association or a club must:

- Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin:
- Not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- Comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspection, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- Not, and must not attempt to, bring in to a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language:
- Not throw missiles (including on to the field or play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.
- ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR OR WHO OTHERWISE CAUSES A DISTURBANCE MAY BE EVICTED FROM A VENUE AND BANNED FROM ATTENDING FUTURE MATCHES

## **Violations**

If violations have occurred after the athletes have committed to the season, the following process will be followed:

1. First Violation: A warning will be given to the athlete/parent following any violations that occur
2. Second Violation: A meeting will be had with parents and players
3. Third violation: Athlete/Parent will be suspended one game
4. Fourth Violation: Athlete will be released for the remainder of the season with no reimbursements. Parents will be banned from attending games for the remainder of the season

## **Conclusion**

Northbridge seeks to work with all players and parents to make our football club a thriving learning environment for all those involved. We are a proud club and expect the athletes and parents to hold themselves to a high standard. If there are any issues that arise, please contact the club, do not take it into your own hands.