



Northbridge FC | North Shore Mariners

Role of Team Officials

During the season your manager may ask you to wear an orange vest during your player's game. The purpose of this communication is to clarify why this request occurs and what it means.

Parents / spectators who are wearing the **Orange Vests** are classed as "Team Officials" for that game. Their name is written on the Team Sheet and recorded.

All parents, players, coaches and others affiliated with Northbridge Football Club are obligated by the club's Member Protection Policy. This is a code of conduct we all agree to abide by.

https://northbridgefc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NSM_NBFC-Member-Protection-Policy_2018vf.pdf

Whilst the entire member protection policy is relevant, it is important to highlight the expectations of Parents / Guardians that relates to the role of the vested parents.

Parents/Guardians

The National Code of Conduct applies to all parents at any playing level

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at children 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 child 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 children to copy.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- 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

There is the expectation that all spectators, and particularly vested parents will:

1. not use offensive language or harass players, coaches, match officials or spectators, and
2. refrain from yelling out instructions during a game, to a player (including their own child), to the match officials or to the coaches.

At Northbridge FC we pride ourselves on letting the "coaches coach" and not being the team that is constantly yelling out instructions, yelling out to the referees, yelling out to the team or our own child. We do not ask that you do not yell out at all, we simply ask that you keep it all positive and inclusive. For example "Go Northbridge", "Great job Mariners", "Well done", "Keep it up" etc.

The club has been approached on numerous occasions by other clubs complimenting us on the behaviour, great support, positivity and, most importantly, respect our parents and supporters show during games.

The role of a parent wearing a vest is to make sure **OUR** parents and supporters are abiding by our code of conduct. If you see or hear a parent/supporter behaving in a way that is not in line with this, please ask them to stop, or you can find your team manager or the technical director and ask one of them to have a word with the parent/supporter.

The next point cannot be stressed enough: **IT IS NOT THE ROLE OF THE VESTED PARENT TO CONTROL THE OTHER TEAM'S SPECTATORS.**

We will always play against some clubs that do not have the same philosophy or code of conduct we have at Northbridge FC / North Shore Mariners. It can be extremely frustrating having to listen to other people yell and scream, however, it is up to that club and their vested parents to control them or ask them to stop. If you find yourself or other parents getting upset or frustrated with the other team, please find your manager or the technical director who can try and talk to their relevant officials.

Lastly, if there is ever an off-field incident between parents, spectators, officials etc it is NOT the role of the vested parent to get involved. Instead you are asked to stand back and observe the situation. Sometimes things can escalate and happen off the field and FNSW will always investigate. If you are down as a "Team Official" you may be asked to be a witness and need to give a statement or the like.

We all want the same thing.....for everyone to be safe and enjoy watching our players play football.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your manager, the technical director or the Member Protection Officer.