

Code of Behaviour

This Code of Behaviour is intended to be the minimum standard for anyone involved in football. Football Northern Territory's Code of Conduct aligns closely with Football Australia's Spectator Code of Behaviour that shall be in force at all venues within the Northern Territory.

- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the decisions of match officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Read, acknowledge and follow Football NT's Social Media Policy at all times.

Athletes

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Please respect the match officials. (become a match official yourself)

Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Respect the match officials (there is no match without match officials)
- Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

Administrators

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.

Parents

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Spectators

- Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athlete.

And as the Football NT signs at our local community grounds for juniors and MiniRoos football state:

REMEMBER

These are kids.

This is a game.

The referees are human.

The coaches are volunteers.

This not the EPL.

Before you complain have you volunteered yet?