

St Bernadette's Football Club Inc

Coaches'/ Managers Code of Behaviour

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow the rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone participates towards the success of the team.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The other players need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

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Officials' Code of Behaviour

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children.
9. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

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Notice to Parent/Guardian on the Code of Conduct

St Bernadette's Football Club's position is that all teams must be given the best opportunity for success. Success is not only measured in winning the game or the competition. The best measure of success is the smiles on the faces of the children as they progress and improve throughout the season.

Each team is made up of individuals who must work together on game day and training nights. The individual effort of each team member at all times will improve fitness, technique and attitude which will inevitably lead to success.

Please remember, St Bernadette's Football Club exists because of the children and operates through the volunteer work of the parents. As such angry outbursts against any club member or official is not acceptable at anytime. There is no place for such behaviour at St Bernadette's Football Club. In the case where a member of St Bernadette's Football Club deems behaviour to be unacceptable the executive reserves the right to expel the member immediately.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to privately and civilly discuss any areas of concern with the team coach, manager or any of the executives of the club. Parents/guardians are required to assist in regular activities such as dressing and undressing the field of play, acting as ground officials and helping with fund raising activities. Parents/guardians may be required from time to time to attend a team meeting.

The success of St Bernadette's Football Club relies on the collective effort of each member, let's work together and achieve our success!!!

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Parents'/Guardians' Code of Behaviour

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and club executive's. Without them, your child could not participate.

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Players' Code of Behaviour

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents, coaches and managers.