



Mordialloc-Braeside Junior Football Club Inc

Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

The following is the Club's Code of Conduct in relation to parents and spectators.

1. Encourage children to participate if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them.
2. Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember your child is involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
7. Remember your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
8. Attend training and matches; your child loves to see you involved.
9. Most umpires are children who are learning as well. Treat them, as you would want your children treated.
10. If you disagree with an official or umpire raise the issue through the Team Manager rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember officials are volunteers.
11. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
12. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer Coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.
13. Support your Club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour on and off the field for the betterment of The Club, The League and your family. Offer assistance to the team that your child plays in so every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give you and your child more satisfaction.
14. If you need to discuss any aspect of the game, wait until the game has finished, and then talk to your Team Manager and/or Coach. Never enter the team bench during a game as it's against the SMJFL By-Laws.
15. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race, religion, ability, colour or sexual preference, orientation or identity.
16. Any breach of this code of conduct will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the MBJFC Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
17. Be aware of your responsibilities as outlined in the Child Safety Policy and carry out those responsibilities diligently.