



# COLLEGIANS SOCCER CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT

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### 1. PURPOSE

Collegians Soccer Club is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, respectful and enjoyable environment for all participants.

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected of everyone involved with the Club and supports positive experiences for players, officials, volunteers, families and the wider community.

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### 2. SCOPE

This Code of Conduct applies to all persons involved in Collegians Soccer Club activities, including but not limited to:

- Players
- Coaches
- Officials and referees
- Parents and spectators
- Administrators and volunteers

The Code applies at training sessions, matches, club events, meetings, travel, and online or social media platforms where individuals represent or are associated with the Club.

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### 3. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS (ALL MEMBERS)

All members of Collegians Soccer Club are expected to:

- Act with integrity, respect and sportsmanship at all times
- Promote fair play and enjoyment over winning at all costs
- Treat all people with dignity and respect regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexual orientation
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, discrimination or abuse (including online)
- Comply with club, competition and governing body policies

- Avoid behaviour that may bring the Club into disrepute
  - Not attend junior matches or activities while intoxicated
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#### 4. ADMINISTRATORS & CLUB OFFICIALS

Administrators and committee members commit to:

- Providing opportunities for players to be involved in leadership, planning and development
  - Creating clear pathways for participation as players, coaches, referees or volunteers
  - Ensuring rules, equipment, game formats and schedules suit the age, ability and maturity of players
  - Providing quality supervision and safe environments
  - Supporting coaches and officials to promote positive behaviour and skill development
  - Ensuring fair play is prioritised over winning
  - Managing complaints and concerns fairly, confidentially and in accordance with club policies
  - Distributing and promoting adherence to this Code of Conduct
  - Complying with alcohol, anti-doping and smoke-free policies of Football NSW and Football Australia
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#### 5. COACHES

Coaches commit to:

- Prioritising player enjoyment, development and wellbeing
  - Treating all players fairly and providing equal opportunities to learn and participate
  - Coaching within the rules and spirit of the game
  - Using positive, respectful communication at all times
  - Never ridiculing, abusing or intimidating players
  - Being reasonable in demands on players' time and energy
  - Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards
  - Showing concern for sick or injured players and following medical advice
  - Maintaining appropriate qualifications and ongoing development
  - Acting as positive role models for players and families
  - Not attending junior matches while intoxicated or supplying alcohol unlawfully
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## 6. MATCH OFFICIALS & REFEREES

Officials commit to:

- Placing the safety and welfare of players above all else
  - Acting impartially, consistently and courteously
  - Treating all players equally regardless of background or ability
  - Condemning unsporting behaviour and promoting respect
  - Managing unacceptable behaviour from players, coaches or spectators
  - Avoiding conflicts of interest
  - Maintaining professionalism in behaviour and appearance
  - Keeping up to date with the Laws of the Game
  - Refraining from abuse, harassment or discrimination of any kind
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## 7. PARENTS & SPECTATORS

Parents and spectators commit to:

- Supporting children to enjoy and learn the game
  - Encouraging participation within the rules and respecting officials' decisions
  - Demonstrating positive behaviour and language at all times
  - Acknowledging and respecting the volunteer nature of coaches, officials and administrators
  - Focusing on effort, enjoyment and development rather than results
  - Refraining from criticism, abuse or sideline coaching
  - Raising concerns respectfully through appropriate club channels
  - Not attending junior matches while intoxicated
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## 8. PLAYERS

Players commit to:

- Playing by the rules and respecting officials' decisions
- Demonstrating self-control and good sportsmanship
- Treating teammates, opponents and officials with respect
- Avoiding bullying, sledging or unfair play (including online)

- Cooperating with coaches and teammates
  - Displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
  - Participating for enjoyment, improvement and team spirit
  - Complying with anti-doping, alcohol and smoke-free policies
  - Thanking opponents and officials at the conclusion of matches
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### 9. Breaches & Disciplinary Action

Any person bound by this Code of Conduct who fails to meet these standards may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Collegians Soccer Club policies and procedures.

Possible actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal and/or written warnings or apologies
- Behavioural counselling or education
- Withdrawal of awards or honours
- Suspension or termination of membership or participation
- Removal or suspension of accreditation
- Fines or other sanctions considered reasonable and appropriate

The Club is committed to handling all matters fairly, consistently and with natural justice.

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### 10. Acknowledgement

All members, parents and participants acknowledge that adherence to this Code of Conduct is a condition of registration and involvement with Collegians Soccer Club.

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