



South Melbourne Districts Sports Club – Junior Footy

Acceptable behaviour code of conduct – Players, parents and spectators

Purpose

This code:

- applies to players, parents and spectators
- is developed by South Melbourne Districts under the league's by-laws
- provides clear expectations with respect to the behaviour of players, parents and spectators
- is mandatory and enforceable against players, parents and spectators by South Melbourne Districts

Players

I agree to:

1. Play by the rules – the rules of South Melbourne Districts and the laws of the game
2. Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people you can't play footy
3. Control my temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games
4. Be a team player – it's a team game, treat it that way
5. Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly
6. Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
7. Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills
8. Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – and many comments are actually now illegal

Parents and spectators

I agree to:

1. Remember I'm there for the players to enjoy the game
2. Encourage participation, but don't force it
3. Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
4. Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade
5. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse is not tolerated
6. Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
7. Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with officials in private
8. Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team and family if you do – and many comments are actually now illegal
9. If the team manager allocates a match day role to me, I'll fulfil that role or arrange for another parent to fulfil it for me

By registering as a member with South Melbourne Districts, I agree to adhere to this code, cooperate with and support South Melbourne Districts in enforcing this code and authorise South Melbourne Districts to take any necessary disciplinary actions, including suspending or banning a player, parent or spectator for repeated or serious breaches of this code.

Player signature	
Player name	
Parent signature	
Parent name	
Date	