



MURDOCH UNIVERSITY
MELVILLE FC

CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE

Murdoch University Melville Football Club

This code of conduct binds all members, and for junior members, also their parents, by virtue of their membership of the Club. A breach of this code of conduct may invoke disciplinary actions, and in the extreme may mean termination of their membership of the club.

By association of their membership of the Club, as it is affiliated with the FFA, all players are also bound to abide by the FFA National Code of Conduct.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

Players should:

- Play according to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Be on time and be prepared for matches and training sessions.
- Display self-control in all situations. Never use foul or abusive language - before, during or after a game or in a training session.
- Train and play to the best of your ability, have a positive attitude, and encourage others to do the same.
- Respect the opposition. Treat them, as you would like them to treat you.
- Respect the referee. Never dispute his or her decisions. They are only human and they make mistakes, just like you.
- Turn up for training and matches in the appropriate clothing.
- If you can't make training inform the coach or team manager.
- Wear the right footwear.
- Always wear shin guards.
- Clean your own boots/trainers!
- Most importantly have "FUN".

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR U10 AND ROOBALL PLAYERS

When playing football, I will:

- Always train and play to the best of my ability and encourage others to do the same
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my teammates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Always wear my shin pads
- Clean my own boots
- Don't forget my water bottle
- Talk to my parent or someone I trust at MUM FC if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.
- Greet my coach with a handshake.
- Most importantly have "FUN"

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- Be your child's best fan and support them unconditionally.
- When you take your child home after a match or training session, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of their game.
- Develop a responsibility in your child to pack his/her own kit, clean their boots and take a drinks bottle (full of water) to practice and games.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticise your child's coach to your child or other parents. If you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the Technical Director, the Age Coordinator or the coach themselves according to the club's grievance policy.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc, encourage them to speak up. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Help your child to focus on the performance and not the result. Remember - winning is not as important as having FUN or their performance.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticise anyone. Remember – children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their parents or their officials.
- Never audibly dispute a referee's decision. They will make mistakes occasionally. We all do. If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking the rules of the game and risk generating a fine for the club. In extreme circumstances we could even be expelled from the League
- Parents/carers must NOT coach from the touchline during matches or training, (but plenty of encouragement). Leave this to the manager/coach or you may cause confusion and erode your child's confidence.
- Parents/carers must not enter the field of play during training or games unless asked to do so.

Please remember – the game is for the children. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or parents.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS

A coach's primary responsibility is to make sure that his/her players have "**FUN**", develop as footballers and to instil in them a passion for the game.

The performance of coaches is not measured in wins and losses, but rather in what players learn in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match.

Coaches lead and teach by example; our players will be a reflection upon the manager and coach. Coaches will:

- Use positive reinforcement when dealing with players.
- Never use foul or abusive language and never abuse a player mentally, verbally, or physically.
- Have respect for the authority of the referee, our opponents on match days and the officials of their club.
- Teach your children the rules of the game, fair play, and proper behaviour.
- Develop the child's technique and their decision-making ability.
- Inspect the playing area for hazards and generally make practice sessions and matches as safe as possible for your children. Be aware, however, that football is a contact sport and players may be injured.

In addition:

- The coach should not allow a child to take part in a practice session or a match if he/she is injured or does not have the right clothing, shin pads etc.
- The coach should not leave a child unattended at a practice session or a game.
- The coach should only allow a child to leave a practice session or a game if a responsible person collects them unless given written permission for them to leave on their own.
- The coach will always be enthusiastic (even in the pouring rain!) but at no time shall we train if there is lightning risk, according to the club's lightning policy.
- We will try our best to make the game enjoyable for everyone who takes part - players, opponents, parents/carers and spectators.