

# Ballarat North United Soccer Club



## CODE OF CONDUCT - PARENTS

### *"For the Good of the Game"*

This code of conduct shall apply to parents and guardians. Any breach there of shall be subject to consideration and possible disciplinary action by the BNUSC Committee.

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage all 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 costing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect match officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation of coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Do not smoke or consume alcohol in the vicinity of the team bench (Technical Area) or within ten (10) metres of the sideline
11. Players are encouraged to arrive at games in BNUSC uniform / merchandise.
12. BNUSC fully support the FFV approach to Zero Tolerance for inappropriate and un-sportsman like conduct. With this objective in mind, BNUSC require that all fines, penalties and costs are to be paid by the player (if over 18) or by the Parents/Guardians of a junior player should either party (player or parents/guardians) be the cause and are subsequently found guilty of such offences. If a penalty is incurred the player will be stood down from the team until such time as the fines are paid in full.
13. Escalation of any team issues must be communicated via the Team Manager.
14. As a participant whether it be in an official or unofficial manner, all are required to abide by the mandated Victorian State Government documents and laws as set out in Child Safety and Protection legislation:
  - a) Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (Vic);
  - b) Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic); and
  - c) Crimes Act 1958 (Vic)
15. Further details relevant to the Child Safety Policy and Working With Children legislation can be found on the club website [www.bnusc.org.au](http://www.bnusc.org.au) and accessed via Victorian Government website <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/>

**It is a requirement of all adults involved at Ballarat North United Soccer Club who are to have any contact with children (under the age of 18) to sign the Club Code of Conduct – Child Safety Provisions.**