



MOOROOPNA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB INC. ("MFNC")

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Junior Football PLAYERS Junior Football Parents and Caregivers

PLEASE NOTE: By registering your child via the PlayHQ portal you are agreeing to the Code of Conduct and you are accepting these for you, your family and friends.

Junior Football Players

1. Abide by the rules of the game and rules set down by your coach, the Mooroopna Football Netball Club and Goulburn Murray Junior League.
2. Never argue with an official or umpire. If you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, umpires, spectators or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted, this may result in a penalty to be applied by your coach or club.
4. Do not use of derogatory language based on gender, race, religion or ability. At all times show respect and manners to everyone concerned.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
6. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be your team, opponent or the other team. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and never involve yourself in an argument with opposing players, umpires or officials.
7. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Your involvement to play is for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it.
8. Co-operate with your coach and team mates, and respect the ability of your opponent. Without them there would be no game.
9. Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.

Parents and Caregivers

The Code of conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

1. Alcohol or Smoking are NOT permitted to be consumed at Junior games.

From 1 April 2014, **Smoking** was banned at areas commonly used by children and young people for recreational and sporting activities.

Under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking is prohibited within 10 meters of outdoor public children's playground equipment, skate parks, and sporting venues during organised underage sporting events, as well as in outdoor areas of public swimming pool complexes.

2. Encourage children to participate if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing do not force them.
3. Focus upon the 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 in winning.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
6. Never ridicule or yell at your child, their teammates or opposition players for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. Remember your child should be involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
8. Remember your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
9. If you disagree with an official or umpire raise the issue through the appropriate channels (coach or committee member) rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
10. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
11. Do not use of derogatory language based on gender, race, religion or ability.
12. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.
13. Support club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the League and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
14. Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, club umpires, officials or the Goulburn Murray Junior League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

Repeated disregard of the expectations outlined in this Code of Conduct may face a review of player, parent/caregiver alignment with the Mooroopna Football Netball Club Inc.

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and will abide by it as a Member of the Mooroopna Football Netball Club Inc.