



BALLAJURA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct

MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

As a club operated by volunteers for the benefit of its members, all members of the Ballajura Association Football Club (Ballajura AFC) have an individual and collective responsibility to contribute in a positive way to the operations of their club.

The Ballajura Association Football Club Code of conduct applies to all members and their guests which include players, parents, spectators, of Ballajura AFC and other clubs visiting our facilities for sporting competitions and social functions.

Coaches

1. Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.
2. Teach fair play and good sportsmanship.
3. Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
4. Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.
5. Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.
6. Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.
7. Never ridicule players.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of your involvement in Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practises on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability / disability.
9. Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.
10. Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by players training attendance and attitude.
11. Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.

12. Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of players.
13. Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
14. Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
15. Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the FFA.

Players

1. Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.
2. Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable to attend for a valid reason, players will notify their Coach as soon as practicable.
3. Anyone training or playing under the influence of illegal drugs, or whilst intoxicated with alcohol, will be dealt with through the clubs disciplinary policy.
4. Act respectfully toward officials and players of your own and visiting clubs.
5. Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.
6. Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.
7. Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language will not be tolerated.
8. Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.
9. Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
10. Make no detrimental statements in public on any policy decisions of the club.
11. Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the FFA.
12. Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs.
13. Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

Parents & Supporters

1. Remember that you are there for the participants 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, administrators and spectators.
6. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
7. Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.

8. Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
9. Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
10. Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing clubs.
11. Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions will not be tolerated.
12. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
13. Abusive language is unacceptable.

Social Media

1. Abusive, discriminatory, intimidating, misleading or offensive statements will not be tolerated. Offending posts will be removed and those responsible will be blocked from the site.
2. All club references in social media postings, blogs, tweets, and status updates will be treated as public comment. No statements should be made that are misleading, false, or likely to injure a person's reputation or bring our club into disrepute.
3. When sharing information or posting material on public websites connected to the club, members must follow the following guidelines for electronic communication:
 - It should be restricted to club matters
 - It must not offend, intimidate, humiliate, or harass another person
 - It must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person
 - It should respect and maintain the privacy of members
 - It must not bring the club into disrepute
4. Members who send inappropriate electronic communication or post online content or comments that harass, offend, intimidate, or humiliate another member, may be found in breach of the Member's Code of Conduct and as a result may be liable to a claim of misconduct under the Club Constitution.

The above Ballajura AFC Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Ballajura AFC Disciplinary Procedures published at
https://ballajuraafc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/BAFC_Disciplinary_Procedures.pdf

Football West Code of Conduct published at
www.footballwest.com.au/play/resources/regulations-and-policies

Football West Social Media Guidelines published at
www.footballwest.com.au/play/resources/regulations-and-policies

Football Federation of Australia Code of Conduct published at
<https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/governance/statutes-and-regulations>