

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that the game is free from physical and verbal bullying and abuse, and that it is played in a competitive and fair manner.

All participants of our game have a responsibility to promote respect and good behaviour. As leaders and role models, coaches, managers and other team and club officials must demonstrate the behaviour that they expect their players and spectators to follow. Therefore it is essential that **YOU** play your part and follow the **Code of Conduct** at all times.



### THE CODE

1. Abide by the Constitution (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the FFA and Football SA.
2. Ensure that the qualifications I need to carry out my role are acquired and current.
3. Fulfil all required club and Football SA duties.
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and club officials at all times.
5. Accept the decisions of referees and act respectfully towards all match officials at all times.
6. Ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment.
7. Respect all players' individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
8. Be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
9. Be professional and accept responsibility for my actions; and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
10. Ensure that all players are made aware of their responsibilities under the Football SA Code of Conduct and take all reasonable steps to ensure that players adhere to it.

11. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards any person. Also, I will make myself aware of any forms of abuse directed towards my players, whatever the sources, while they are in my care and act accordingly.
12. Refrain from any form of harassment towards any person.
13. Avoid any physical contact with the players. Should contact be required I will ensure it is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
14. Follow the "Play by the Rules" guidelines at [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)
15. Provide a safe environment for training and competition by ensuring that equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
16. Make no **detrimental statements in public** (internet social media, print, radio) in respect of the performance of any match officials, or any policy decisions of the Club, association, the Football SA or FFA.



**I understand that I have a responsibility to abide by this Code and that the following sanctions may be imposed if I do not do so.**

1. Be required to apologise to the person or people who may have been offended.
2. Be required to attend a meeting with my club's officials.
3. Be counselled, suspended or sacked by my club.
4. Attend a Disciplinary Hearing and receive sanctions imposed by the local association and/or Football Federation SA in accordance with the competition rules and regulations and FFA Disciplinary Regulations