

Abrolhos Football Club Inc.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

These mandatory Standards of Behaviour outline the conduct expected of all club members.

They guide members in a way that ensures their behaviour complies with:

- Football Australia's National Code of Conduct and Ethics
<https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2021-04/FA%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20and%20Ethics%20%282021%29.pdf>
- Football Federation Australia's Spectator Code of Behaviour
<https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2019-07/2019%20Spectator%20Code%20of%20Behaviour.pdf>

The Standards promote fair play and appropriate behavior by players, coaches, parents, spectators, officials and administrators.

PLAYER STANDARDS

- Adhere to the principles of fair play and always play by the rules, respecting the traditions of the game and the spirit of competition.
- Respect the decision of coaches and officials and never argue with them. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager talk to the official during a break or after the game.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every person including teammates, opponents, coaches and officials and never engage in behaviour that abuses, provokes or harasses others
- Always play to the best of your abilities and participate for enjoyment not results
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language and gestures that are demeaning to others.
- Care for the equipment and facilities made available during training and competition.
- Always consider the safety and wellbeing of other participants before performance and results.
- Adhere to anti-doping policies and never engage in match fixing or betting.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including drinking or smoking whilst in the presence of junior participants.

PARENT AND SPECTATOR STANDARDS

- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking whilst in the presence of junior participants.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to show respect at all times to coaches, officials and opponents.

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person including players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators; and never engage in behaviour that abuses, demeans, provokes or harasses others.
- Understand that sport is designed to be fun and that participating for enjoyment and wellbeing should always come before performance and results.
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior.
- Refer to club authorities all acts of unethical behavior, whether from players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators. Do not as an individual, directly address or approach officials or representative of other clubs (eg players, coaches, spectators).
- Participate in positive cheering that reinforces and encourages participant efforts.
- Refrain from entering the field of play or playing area unless given specific permission (i.e. do not go onto the pitch unless/until invited by the referrer to do so)

COACH STANDARDS

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment, in which every person is protected and free from discrimination, harassment and abuse.
- Ensure every person has equal opportunity to participate regardless of age, ability or experience.
- Ensure that all equipment and activities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and abilities of every person.
- Promote the principles of fair play and discourage foul play and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Always consider the safety and wellbeing of participants before performance and results and follow the advice of a physician/medical officer in determining when an injured participant may return to training and competition.
- Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with every person, especially to participants to which you owe a duty of care.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking, whilst in an official capacity.
- Follow the guidelines and rules set down by the club and governing body.
- Refer to club authorities all acts of unethical behavior, whether from players, officials, parents or spectators.
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior.

OFFICIALS & REFEREE STANDARDS

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment, in which every person is protected and free from discrimination, harassment and abuse.
- Always ensure the safety and wellbeing of players above all else.
- Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with every person, especially to the players.
- Be impartial, consistent and transparent in your conduct and decision-making. Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Avoid situations that may lead to or call into question conflict of interest.
- Avoid engaging in verbal communication with coaches, club officials, parents and spectators during play except in instances of medical emergencies or to call out acts of unethical behaviour.
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language whilst in an official capacity.
- Adhere to the laws of the game and the principles of fair play, ensuring that the spirit of competition is respected by all players, coaches and officials.

COMMITTEE / BOARD STANDARDS

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation and ensure that the club promotes a safe and inclusive environment.
- Protect the integrity of sport at all times by ensuring that the behaviour and conduct of every person is consistent with the laws of the game, the principles of fair play and the standards of safe and inclusive sport.
- Protect the safety and wellbeing of members at all times by ensuring that appropriate safeguarding measures and policies are in place, easily accessible and understood by every person, and reviewed regularly.
- Be impartial, consistent and transparent in your conduct and decision-making. Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make decisions in the best interests of your members and the sport.
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment, in which every person feels welcomed and is protected and free from discrimination, harassment and abuse.
- Ensure that all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators place wellbeing and enjoyment ahead of performance and outcomes.
- Create pathways that support players, coaches and officials to improve their skill development.

- Provide equal opportunities for all players, coaches and officials to participate, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking, whilst in an official capacity.
- Ensure that all members are made aware of their rights and responsibilities under the appropriate legislation including: Member Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, Child Safe Policy and Anti-discrimination Policy, and know the process by which to refer a complaint or breach.

SOCIAL MEDIA STANDARDS

We expect our members to conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication or posting material on public websites connected to the club. Electronic communication should be restricted to club matters and must not:

- bring the club into disrepute.
- offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person
- be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person
- breach the privacy of members
- comment or post documentation that are not publicly available
- make, share offensive comments about the Abrolhos Football Club or affiliated partners/sponsors or members.
- use the brand, logo, images or other intellectual property to endorse products causes or opinions without prior consent from the Management Committee.

** note some media breaches (such as cyberbullying or misleading comments in the public domain) may incur criminal charges and/or result in litigation for defamation.

It is the AFC's expectation that you as a player, parent or spectator agree to act in accordance with the standards above and adhere to the Football Australia's National Code of Conduct & Ethics and Spectator Code of Behaviour.

Any breach of this code may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.