



Coolum Crusaders Code of Conduct

PLAYERS must adhere to this code of conduct.

- Play by the rules.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour;
- Promote fair play; Win and lose with dignity.
Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect and cooperate with my team mates, my coach/manager, match official's (incl. volunteers) and the decision of those officiating the match; Without them there would be no game.
- Never engage in offensive, intimidating, harassing, insulting or abusive language or behaviour;
Never argue with an official. The captain may inquire of an official during the game or a break regarding a reason for a decision.
- Never engage in public criticism of match officials;
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
- Be a good sport. Cheer all good play from your and the other team.
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Including on social media.

PARENTS must adhere to this code of conduct.

Children play for fun and enjoyment!

- If children are interested, encourage them to play. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them.
- Focus upon the child's effort and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

- Remember that children are involved with organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement. Verbal and physical abuse are not acceptable on or off the field.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and they deserve your total support.

I understand that if I do not follow this code any of the following actions may be taken by the club, and/or Association:

- Be required to apologise to players or team, referee or manager(s)/coach(es);
- Receive a warning from the coach, or a written warning from the club committee;
- Be substituted, or dropped, or suspended from training;
- Not be selected for the team;
- Be required to serve a suspension, or pay a fine;
- Be required to leave the club.