**AM Soccer Club**

**Code of Conduct for Players**

**Code of Conduct – Players**

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for enjoyment, as part of a team is the most fundamental part of the game. Winning is a motivating factor but AM Soccer players will aim to be successful whilst always upholding the laws and spirit of our sport. We aim to be respected for our actions and behaviours and we will always consider others along with ourselves.

**When representing AM Soccer Club, I will :**

•     Remember the aims of the game are to compete, learn and ultimately enjoy participation in football.

•     Prepare myself for training and match day by bringing the correct kit and ensuring I have eaten/hydrated appropriately.

•     Do my best to improve my football ability by attending training, giving maximum effort and learning from my experiences.

•     Arrive at training and matches with appropriate equipment and kit for the activities that are planned.

•     Respect all players, coaches, parents and spectators who are part of our game. Regardless of their team association.

•     Respect the match officials. Ask questions and seek information in a respectful manner.

•     Demonstrate resilience after I have been disappointed by an outcome. Find the reason and use the reason to improve.

•     Applaud positive play and good sportsmanship by my team-mates. Grow our team spirit.

•     Be honest with the coach if I am feeling unwell or have an injury. This will allow suitable care to be arranged.

•     Speak to someone I trust at the Club if I am unhappy about something.

•     Do what I can to bring the best out in those around me.

•     Be mindful of what I post on social media and the importance of my actions in relation to others.

**AM Soccer Club**

**Code of Conduct for Coaches**

**Code of Conduct - Coaches**

As a coach, you are in a position of great responsibility. You are a key input on the development of our young people. A coach is a very significant role model, so it is important that you conduct yourself professionally at all times. The attitude and behaviours you exhibit will set the tone for the players and parents you work with.

**As a Coach/Official within AM Soccer Club, I will:**

•     Avoid placing undue pressure on players. Children play football for their own enjoyment, not to fulfil personal ambitions I may have.

•     Always respect our players and never harass, abuse, or otherwise humiliate them.

•     Demonstrate good sportsmanship always, never condone violations of the laws and embrace long term player development.

•     Create opportunity to play and improve in a safe and enjoyable environment.

•     Always have the correct equipment and plan sessions to ensure the success of the them that you are going to deliver on.

•     Always have a stocked first-aid kit and mobile telephone available at training and games. Emergency contact numbers are essential.

•     Make myself available to attend suitable training courses as required to maintain/develop coaching performance and knowledge.

•     Always arrive before the designated time of arrival of the players at both matches and training or make suitable provision.

•     Always be honest with players, parents, guardians and officials. Show no favouritism.

•     Ensure I am fully versed on the club social media policy and be mindful of how I use these platforms as a role model.

•     Always look for and encourage positive attributes or performance and effort.

•     Avoid being alone with individual children, especially in enclosed areas.

•     Report concerns of any kind to my line manager for appropriate actions.

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**Code of Conduct for Parents**

**Code of Conduct - Parents**

Parents/Guardians have a great influence on a child’s enjoyment and/or success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it’s fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football, positive encouragement will contribute to continued participation and a good level of self esteem/confidence. You are the most significant role model in your child’s life, so please support your coach in reinforcing positive behaviours and attitude.

A parent/guardian’s attitude towards other players, parents an officials will more than likely become their child’s attitude towards those people.

**As a parent of a player participating for AM Soccer Club, I will :**

•     Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never encourage violations of the laws of the game or demonstrate aggressive behaviour.

•     Remember that children are playing football primarily for their own enjoyment. Do not put pressure on the children.

•     Place the well-being and safety of every player above all other considerations.

•     Encourage your child and others. Praise effort and performance, not results.

•     Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.

•     Respect the referee’s decisions at all times.

•     Develop an appropriate supportive relationship with the coach/officials, based on mutual trust/respect.

•     Support the coach’s decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach, in private. Be honest and always be reasonable.

•     Ensure that my child arrives at the designated location for matches or training at the time requested by the coach.

•     Inform the coach if there has been a change in my child’s medical condition. This includes changes in my child’s mental health.

•     Ensure my personal contact number is up to date for emergency purposes.

•     Consider my actions in relation to social media. I will respect everyone connected to my child’s football club.