

CODE OF CONDUCT

Membership in this Club is based on a Code of Conduct, which will reflect upon the community the ability for the players/members to enjoy sports and life skills in a safe environment. Players, referees and spectators of this competition MUST follow the Code of Conduct:

- Respect the rights and dignity of others. Abuse, harassment and discrimination towards or about other players, officials or spectators will not be tolerated, including on social media.
- Respect the safety of others. ALL participants are expected to help provide a safe environment for soccer activities.
- Respect the health of others. All training and games will be conducted in a drug, alcohol and smoke-free environment.
- Respect the privacy of others. Data and images will only be collected and used by the club with the permission of the participant or their parent/guardian and in the manner agreed to.
- Respect our environment. Please place all rubbish and recycling in the appropriate facilities.
- Respect the integrity of competition. No prohibited drugs, stimulants, steroids or doping for physical performance will be tolerated.
- Respect the Club. The use of Coonabarabran Soccer Club, Coona Galaxy and it's imagery may not be used unless authorised in writing by the committee.

PLAYERS

- Play By the Rules.
- Never argue with an official. Remember referees in all sports make mistakes. The way you treat the referee can make a huge difference to his/her willingness to listen to you.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players, deliberately provoking an opponent and abuse of your coach or teammates is not acceptable. Disciplinary action may be taken, in such cases.
- Cooperate with your team members.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether by your team or by the opposition. Treat all participants in the sport as you would like to be treated. Do not abuse or take unfair advantage of another competitor.

COACHES, OFFICIALS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Remember that your players play sport for their own enjoyment and health, not yours.
- All children are the responsibility of their parents/guardians and must be supervised at all times. Please note that our volunteers give their time to provide soccer activities, not babysitting services.
- Participants are required to engage in soccer activities. Disruptive participants impact the enjoyment of others and may be asked to sit out until they are ready to engage.
- Focus on the positive aspects of your team's play. Do not focus on perceived mistakes or errors.
- Encourage fair play and participation according to the rules.
- Only positive comments are acceptable. If you do not have something encouraging or positive to say at a match, then please be quiet. Yelling at a player for making a mistake is not acceptable.
- Applaud all good plays whether by your team or the opposition.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Remember, referees make mistakes. Your view of play will often not be the same view as that of the referee from his/her position on the field. Restrict your comments to positives and make every effort not to focus on negatives.
- Teach your players to respect the referee's decision. At the end of the day, the referee is in charge of the match. Aggressive complaining will not change a decision.
- Reporting inappropriate behaviour is the responsibility of everyone.
- Behaviour that may constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct must be reported to a ground official or club committee member. It is then the responsibility of the official to take appropriate action.
- Activities may be postponed or suspended until officials are satisfied that they can proceed safely and in the best interests of all participants.
- In Accordance with Local Council Rules, Alcohol and smoking is not permitted at some venues. Please respect the rules that are in place at each venue.

[For further detailed information on the Northern NSW Football Code of Conduct, Administration, and other related topics please refer to \[www.northernnswfootball.com.au\]\(http://www.northernnswfootball.com.au\) - Club Resource and Information manual](http://www.northernnswfootball.com.au)