



# FDJFC Parents, Guardians & Spectators Code of Conduct

The Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our players.

A Code of Conduct for parents, guardians and spectators of junior football players is essential to ensure a positive and supportive environment for both the players and the coaches.

## **Supportive Attitude:**

I will support my child in their participation in football by attending games and training regularly, and showing enthusiasm for their efforts.

## **Respect for Officials and Opponents:**

I will respect the decisions of the officials and encourage my child to do the same. I will also encourage my child to treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect, regardless of the outcome of the game.

## **Positive Communication:**

I will communicate positively with coaches, other parents, and players, focusing on constructive feedback rather than criticism.

## **Encouragement over pressure:**

I will encourage my child to play to the best of their ability and to enjoy the game, without placing undue pressure on them to win at all costs.

## **Respect Boundaries:**

I will respect the boundaries set by the coaches and refrain from interfering with coaching decisions during games or training.

## **Good sportsmanship:**

I will teach my child the importance of good sportsmanship, including shaking hands with opponents after games, and accepting both victory and defeat graciously.

## **Promotion of fair play:**

I will promote fair play and discourage any form of unsportsmanlike behaviour by my child or others.



## Conflict resolution:

In the event of a disagreement or conflict I will address the issue calmly and respectfully with the appropriate coach or team official, following the established protocols for conflict resolution. I **will not** approach field or boundary umpires before, during or after the game. I acknowledge that I am not permitted onto the ground on match day, unless on official league duty.

## Safety First:

I will ensure my child is properly equipped and prepared for training and games, including providing the necessary protective gear and ensuring they are well rested and hydrated.

## Lead by example:

I will lead by example, demonstrating good sportsmanship, respect and positive behaviour both on and off the field.

## Child Safety:

I will provide a copy of my current Working With Children Check as a volunteer. I've considered giving permission for my child's photograph to be taken and used for advertising or promotional purposes, and will notify the club in writing if I do not agree and wish to opt out.

## Social Media:

I will not use social media to denigrate the team, coaches or club, or to bully other parents via the use of social media, which includes but is not limited to Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and Twitter. I will not post photographs to social media of other people's children without their express permission.

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For more information please contact our Child Safety Officer on [safety@fdjfc.com.au](mailto:safety@fdjfc.com.au), VP Admin on [vpadmin@fdjfc.com.au](mailto:vpadmin@fdjfc.com.au) or President on [president@fdjfc.com.au](mailto:president@fdjfc.com.au).

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