



Code Of Conduct For Players

SASFC has signed up to the Mainland Football Code of Conduct. This means the Club has agreed to make sure everyone is able play and enjoy football without being hurt, frightened or upset by SASFC players. In becoming a member of SASFC, you agree to be bound by the Players Code of Conduct as follows:

1. SASFC players always aim to make SASFC a **safe and friendly club**. This means all players being friendly towards their teammates, other players, coaches, referees, supporters and anyone else involved in the game. No-one should ever be made to feel unsafe or unwelcome playing football at our Club.
2. SASFC players are expected to **refrain from abuse**. This means avoiding language that might upset or offend other players, coaches, referees, supporters or anyone else involved with football at our Club.
3. SASFC players are expected to **refrain from harassment**. This means never acting aggressively towards other players, coaches, referees, supporters or anyone else involved with football at our Club, or trying to embarrass or intimidate them.
4. SASFC players are expected to **refrain from discrimination**. This means we must never be mean or unpleasant towards others because of their race, gender or ability.
5. SASFC players are expected to **refrain from victimisation**, including bullying. This means we must never single out individuals to intimidate or provoke them so that they become upset or angry.
6. SASFC players must **respect coaches, parents, referees and players** at all times, including training sessions and match days. As SASFC players, we make sure we arrive on time; we carry out instructions to the best of our ability; and we avoid distracting others with disruptive, time-wasting behaviour. In all cases, we *refrain from openly criticizing anyone* involved in SASFC games and/or training sessions.

If you see someone behaving in a way that *does not* respect this Code of Conduct, or if you feel yourself or others have been abused, harassed, victimized or discriminated against, you should tell a parent or coach, and they will know what to do. Importantly, any complaints should be made after the game, *never* while the game is in progress.

If you break this Code of Conduct, the Club may have to take action to make sure that it does not happen again. SASFC coaches operate a 'Three Strikes' policy; depending on what has happened, you may receive up to three verbal warnings before more serious action is taken. However *at any time* you may be prevented from playing football or training, or your Club Membership may be suspended or terminated, if an offense is serious enough, or your behaviour does not improve. In very serious cases, SASFC may need to inform Mainland Football, the police or other authorities who will deal with the matter outside of the Club disciplinary procedures.