



Code Of Conduct For Parents

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 members. By becoming a member of SASFC, you agree to be bound by the Parents Code of Conduct:

1. SASFC Parents aim to make SASFC a **safe and friendly club**. This means being friendly towards each other, as well as players, coaches, referees, supporters and anyone else involved in the game. No-one should ever be made to feel unsafe or unwelcome at our Club.
2. SASFC parents **refrain from abuse**. This means we avoid language that might upset or offend other players, coaches, referees, supporters or anyone else involved with football at our Club.
3. SASFC parents **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 parents **refrain from discrimination**. This means we must never be mean or unpleasant towards others because of their race, gender or sexual orientation.
5. SASFC parents **refrain from victimisation**, including bullying. This means we must never single out individuals to intimidate or provoke them such that they become upset or angry.
6. SASFC parents **respect coaches, referees and players** at all times. As parents of SASFC players we aim to be focused on their development as footballers. We are encouraging, rather than critical, of *anyone's* performance. Win, draw or lose, we should always avoid excessive celebration and negativity. 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 our Code of Conduct, or you feel yourself or others have been abused, harassed, victimized or discriminated against, you should approach a coach or Committee member, and the Club will look at taking appropriate action. Importantly, any and all complaints you may have should be directed to Club officials *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. Depending on what has happened, you may be asked to account for your actions by the Club Committee. However *at any time* you may be prevented from attending games or training sessions, and in more serious cases your Club Membership may be suspended or terminated. 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.