

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD FOOTBALL CLUB

POLICY – Code of Conduct for Parents (Policy 1907)

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Introduction

Parents and carers have a responsibility to support their child's football activities in a positive way on and off the field. This includes being a role model and encouraging good behaviour in not only their own child but also their teammates, coach, manager and other spectators. Supporting their own child and their team is natural, but it needs to be done in a positive and supportive way in a harassment-free environment.

Policy

Parents and guardians must:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not your entertainment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on their child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at youth matches.
- Acknowledge good performance and skilful plays by all participants from both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect match officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Advise the club if their child is suffering with any health, medical or social issues that may influence their capacity to train and play at their potential.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Breach of Policy

Should parents/guardians not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by ARFC or NNSWF. They may:

- Be required to formally apologise to other parents, the other team and the referee.
- Receive a formal warning from the ARFC Board.
- Be suspended from attending matches.

In severe circumstances, their child's registration may be cancelled.

collaborative effort - mutual respect - hard work - discipline