

## ALPHINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB INC. - SENIORS and VETERANS CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

### **1. General**

It is vital that everyone involved in sporting activities, whether they be athletes, coaches, officials or supporters, understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport

### **2. Players' Code of Behaviour**

- (a) Play by the Rules
- (b) "Play the whistle" and do not argue with the match officials. If you disagree, have your captain approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, provoking, abusing or physically retaliating to an opposition is not acceptable
- (d) Encourage and respect your teammates.
- (f) Respect the opposition and treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- (j) Do not consume unauthorised drug(s) or alcohol prior to or during a game.
- (k) Act responsibly in the event of post-match alcohol consumption
- (l) Act as a positive role model for the junior teams and the local community that share our recreational space

### **3. Coach's Code of Behaviour**

- (a) Ensure the team plays by the Rules
- (b) "Play the whistle" and do not argue with the match officials. If you disagree, either you or your captain should approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, verbal abuse of, provoking, abusing or physically retaliating to players, be they from AFC or the opposition, is not acceptable.
- (d) Encourage and respect your players.
- (e) Minimise the risk of injury to players
- (f) Respect the opposition.
- (j) Do not consume unauthorised drug(s) or alcohol prior to or during a game or training.
- (k) Act responsibly in the event of post-match alcohol consumption
- (l) Act as a positive role model for the senior players, junior teams and the local community that share our recreational space

#### **4. Spectators' Code of Behaviour**

- (a) Remember all players play football for their enjoyment, not just yours
- (b) Respect the match official's decisions on the day
- (c) Never ridicule player for making a mistake
- (d) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- (e) Show respect to both teams when watching matches
- (g) Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club officials or spectators
- (j) Do not attend if you have consumed unauthorised drug(s) or alcohol prior to or during a game.

#### **5. Disciplinary Action**

The Committee reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a player, coach, parent or any other person associated with the Club for inappropriate behaviour at training, games or other occasions where such persons are acting as representatives of the Club.