

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.