



**CLUB  
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## Code of Conduct Parents & Guardians

### Overview

All parents & guardians of our game have a responsibility to promote respect and good behaviour to ensure our clubs, and our game are free from all forms of bullying and abuse.

All parents & guardians must abide by the Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club Conditions of Entry and demonstrate good quality behaviours that provide a welcoming and inclusive environment within our sport.

### Responsibilities

All parents & guardians attending trials, training sessions and/or matches or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FA, FV or an affiliate Regional Association or Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club must:

- 1) Remember your child and all players participate in the sport of football for their enjoyment and not yours.
- 2) Encourage your child to participate – do not force.
- 3) Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 4) Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 5) Encourage your child to always participate according to the rules.
- 6) Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- 7) Show appreciation of coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them your child could not participate
- 8) Respect the decisions of match officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability and teach children to do the same and do not argue with the match official regarding decisions made.
- 9) Respect the performances and efforts of all participants including players, coaches, and officials.
- 10) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
- 11) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- 12) Never use or threaten violence in any form towards another person including fellow spectators, players, or match/team officials (including coaches and ground marshalls).



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- 13)** Not engage in acts of discrimination, harassment, or abuse towards any person, including:
  - a)** the use of obscene or offensive language and/or gestures; and/or
  - b)** the incitement of hatred or violence.
- 14)** Comply with all Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club policies.
- 15)** Comply with all conditions of entry of the Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club, including provisions relating to security screening, intoxication, and items that are prohibited by law or restricted by policy from being brought into the venue.
- 16)** Never throw missiles, projectiles, or objects of any description at players, match officials, or fellow spectators.
- 17)** Not enter or attempt to enter the field of play or playing arena without lawful authority.
- 18)** Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- 19)** Refrain from any disorderly conduct or conduct that may injure the reputation and goodwill of the club and the code of football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Code of Conduct or who, in the opinion of the Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club and/or Football Victoria, otherwise causes or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance may be evicted from the venue and may be banned from attending future matches.

Any offender who then breaches a ban order against them may be charged with trespass and subject to further penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of legal action.