



# CODE OF CONDUCT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

## Purpose:

To inform parents and guardians of the expectations of the BJFC in relation to their conduct. This covers all aspects of the Parents or Guardians association with the BJFC.

## Guidelines:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skillful plays by all participants.
- Respect Officials and Berwick Junior Football Committee decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation and recognize the efforts of volunteer Coaches, Officials, Administrators and Committee Members. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Don't make comments based on race, religion, gender or ability - you'll let down your club, yourself and your family
- Never verbally or physically abuse, intimidate or use threatening behaviour or language towards any Umpire, Game day official, Committee member, Club member, player, opposition or fellow spectators.
- Never participate in any action, either physically or verbally, that could bring our club into disrepute.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose. Teach them enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never consume alcohol at any venue where a junior football game or training session is in progress.
- Always behave in an appropriate manner at all club events and functions. Respect the right of the people around you to enjoy the event without being subjected to unnecessary interruption, abuse, intimidation, drunken or unsociable behaviour.

## Non Compliance:

If a breach of the BJFC Code of Conduct occurs, disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the committee to impose any sanction on any person contravening the BJFC rules and regulations on any terms or conditions seen fit or to otherwise deal with such matter in any manner they in their absolute discretion think fit. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, warnings, suspensions and or banning of players, parents/guardians and is separate from any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the league or Police for the same incident.

## Implementation:

All committee members will be made aware of this policy at the first committee meeting of the year.

### Review:

This policy is to be reviewed by the existing committee every two years or as required to ensure that the policy is applicable to the BJFC Inc. The committee can then recommend changes that they see fit, and then ratify any changes to the policy at the next scheduled general committee meeting.

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