

**Ellenbrook Dockers Junior Football Club**  
**Code of Conduct and Rules**

All family members or persons associated with the Ellenbrook Dockers Junior Football Club are bound by this Code of Conduct. Player, parent, guardian or any family member breaking this agreement will ultimately affect the player's future within the club.

**Players Code of Conduct**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision discuss the matter with your coach or team manager after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will yours.
- Always be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether it's your team, or a team from another club.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would not be a competition.
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Do not use derogatory language.
- Be prepared to take responsibility for your actions.

**Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct**

- Encourage children to participate, if they are interested.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches.
- Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the Umpire's decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or umpires.
- Smoking or drinking alcohol is not permitted on or around Club grounds or rooms.

**Spectator Behaviour**

- If an Umpire considers that an action taken by spectators undermines the authority of an Umpire, or the wellbeing of a player, club official or other spectators, the Umpire will stop the match and issue a warning to the Team Coach.
- The Coach will be advised of the action which has occurred and where possible, the person(s) offending.
- If the spectator behaviour does not improve, the Umpire will make a notation of the incident on the team sheet. A fine may then be imposed on the offending Club by the JCC.
- Smoking or drinking alcohol is not permitted on or around Club grounds or rooms.

## Club Rules

1. Children **must** play in their own age group and can only play one year up if a team is short.
2. **Year 4's - 7's** - If a player strikes another player (punch/elbow/kick), the incident will be reported on an *Internal Club Incident Report* and handed to the Match Committee. If a report is received and the action was found to be deliberate by the Match Committee and there are no mitigating circumstances, the player will receive an automatic 1 week playing ban, 2 weeks for a second offence and 4 weeks for a third offence. If a fourth offence has been reported, the player will be required to front the Executive Committee and may be asked to leave the Club. However, if a player is willing to attend a positive environment class and is seen to have participated, the ban may be rescinded. If a player has two incidents during a season, then original penalties may be reintroduced. Year 8's and up already have penalties imposed on them by the district tribunal, however after a fourth offence the player will front the Executive Committee and may be asked to leave the Club.
3. **Umpire Abuse** - If a player abuses an umpire, the incident will be reported on an *Internal Club Incident Report* and handed to the Match Committee. If a report is received and the action was found to be deliberate by the Match Committee, the player will receive an automatic 1 week playing ban, a 2 week ban for the second offence, 4 week ban for the third offence and on the fourth offence the player will front the Executive Committee and may be asked to leave the Club. However if a player is willing to attend a positive environment class and is seen to have participated, the ban may be rescinded. If a player has two incidents during a season, then original penalties may be reintroduced. Year 8's and up already have penalties imposed on them by the tribunal, however after a fourth offence the player will front the Executive Committee and may be asked to leave the Club.
4. **Non Player Umpire Abuse** - If a Club Member, parent, guardian or family member is found to have abused an umpire or an official, the first offence will attract an automatic 1 week ban from home games (must not enter oval grounds or clubhouse), second offence will be a 3 week ban and any further offences may lead to being asked to leave the Club permanently.
5. **Fines** - If the Club is fined due to an individuals' own actions by the District JCC or another governing body, they will be liable for payment of that fine (this does not include player fines). If the individual refuses to pay the fine, they will be asked to leave the Club.
6. **Racial or Religious Abuse** - Incidents of this kind **will not be tolerated**, wether against a member of our own Club, another club or a member of the general public. Any incidents will be brought before the Executive Committee and any action deemed necessary will be taken and may lead to suspension from the Club.
7. **Social Media Abuse** – Any person or persons caught making derogatory or inflammatory comments in relation to another person or persons, the Ellenbrook Dockers or another club on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, websites, texting or any other forms of social media, will be brought before the Executive Committee and any action deemed necessary will be taken and may lead to suspension from the Club.
8. If a Committee Member, Coach or Assistant Coach brings the Club into disrepute, a meeting must be held to determine whether they should retain their position within the Club.

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