



# GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## Codes of Conduct

### 1. Purpose

This document contains codes of conduct that must be observed by all players, parents and supporters of the Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC) at all times.

### 2. Background

The Northern Football and Netball League (NFNL) require each Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents, volunteers, or spectators for breaches of these Codes of Conduct. If you require copies of the NFNL rules and policies these can be found at [nfnl.org.au](http://nfnl.org.au).

### 3. Scope

By registering with GJFC and NFNL, players and their families agree to abide by these Codes of Conduct.

These Codes of Conduct apply to all players, parents and supporters of the GJFC at all times, both on and off the field. It also applies to those associated with the club and their actions and behaviours in general interactions outside the direct remit of the club (e.g. Use of social media). Additionally, officials and volunteers are also bound by these codes.

### 4. Consequences of Breach

Any breach of these Codes of Conduct may result in disciplinary action against the offending party, at the discretion of GJFC and/or the Northern Football and Netball League (NFNL).

### 5. General Supporters

Although it is difficult to control the behaviour of supporters who may not necessarily be a member of GJFC, all effort will be made by GJFC to approach any supporter who is displaying a poor attitude towards players, umpires, officials or other supporters and attempt to change the behaviour of such supporters. In the event of such supporters being from an opposing club, officials of the opposing club should be approached to engage with supporters.

### 6. Modification and Review

These Codes of Conduct represent current policies and procedures of GJFC.

These Codes of Conduct are subject to a review each year and may be amended appropriately. Amendments will be communicated to members as and when appropriate, to ensure that it remains current.



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## 7. Related Policies and other documents

➤NFNL By-Laws, Schedule 10, Vilification and Discrimination Policy

➤NFNL By-Laws, Schedule 17, Codes of Conduct

➤NFNL By-Laws, Schedule 23, social media Policy

## 8. Version Control

0.3 05<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Approved by Committee and endorsed by Andrew Cleary President

## Photography consent and release from for Children

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) the parent or legal guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's/children's name(s)) hereby grant permission to  
**Greensborough Junior Football Club** representatives, to take and use photographs and/or digital  
images of my child for use in:

1. Media releases, media articles – including newspapers, radio, television –printed publications and/or educational materials relevant to the **Greensborough Junior Football Club**
2. Electronic publications and communications such as **Greensborough Junior Football Club** Facebook site and website.
3. I agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s).
4. I authorise the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions shall be the property of **Greensborough Junior Football Club**

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

Date:



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Code of Conduct – Players

- Play by the rules – the rules of the club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you and your team cannot play football.
- Control your emotions – verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – it's a team game.
- Treat all players and officials as you would like to be treated – fairly and with respect.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires, officials and team-mates.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Do not use offensive comments based on race, religion, gender, or ability.
- Vilification not only breaches Northern Football Netball League (NFNL) Rules, but it is also against the law. Players or officials found guilty may face disciplinary action by their club, the NFNL and possible police action.
- Whilst wearing GJFC attire, or whenever attending post-match events or club functions, you are representing GJFC and are expected to behave appropriately.
- Bullying is completely unacceptable behaviour. All players must adhere to the GJFC Bullying and Harassment Policy



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## Code of Conduct - Parents & Supporters

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.

- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, officials, umpires and supporters – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise and respect all volunteers, committee, officials who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Do not use offensive comments based on race, religion, gender, or ability.
- Vilification not only breaches NFNL Rules, but it is also against the law. Parents / supporters found guilty may face disciplinary action by their club, the NFNL and possible police action.
- Bullying is completely unacceptable behaviour. All parents and supporters must adhere to the GJFC Bullying and Harassment Policy



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## Code of Conduct - social media

While all individuals are welcome to participate in social media, it is expected that everyone who participates in online commentary in relation to activities involving the GJFC and the NFNL shall respect and adhere to the following simple but important guidelines. These guidelines are in place to assist in achieving our overall goal, that is, to participate online in a respectful, relevant way that

protects the reputation of the GJFC and the NFNL and the individuals within it, and of course follows the letter and spirit of the law. These guidelines include.

- Be transparent and state that you are affiliated with the GJFC. Your honesty will be noted in the Social Media environment. If you are writing about matters relating to the GJFC or a competitor, use your real name, identify that your affiliation, and be clear about your role. If you have a vested interest in what you are discussing, be the first to say so.
- Never represent yourself, the GJFC or the NFNL in a false, misleading, or defamatory way. All statements must be true and not misleading. All claims must be able to be substantiated.
- Post meaningful, respectful comments — in other words, no spam and no remarks that are of topic or offensive.
- Use common sense and common courtesy: for example, it's best to ask permission to publish or report on conversations that are meant to be private or internal.
- When disagreeing with others' opinions, keep it appropriate and polite. If you want to write about the competition, make sure you behave diplomatically, have the facts straight and that you have the appropriate permissions.
- Never participate in social media when the topic being discussed may be considered a crisis. Even anonymous comments may be traced back to your IP address.
- Be smart about protecting yourself and your privacy.
- Think globally, what you publish is widely accessible and once on the internet is there forever, so consider the content carefully; you should be respectful of religions, races, individuals, cultures.



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## Code of Conduct - Jumper Returns

### 1. Purpose

Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC) has a significant cost in both purchasing and maintaining sufficient game day player jumpers (Jumpers) for the number of players representing GJFC, and when required, must purchase new stock from the Northern Football and Netball League's supplier.

Jumpers are handed out to players by Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC) at the start of each season. There is no cost to players to obtain a Jumper in addition to player registration fees. However, every Jumper remains the property of GJFC and must be returned to GJFC at the end of that season.

## 2. Policy

- Jumpers always remain the property of GJFC.
- Players are responsible for the care and cleaning of their allocated Jumper for the duration of the season.
- Jumpers must be returned to GJFC at the end of the team's last game of the season.
- Jumpers must be returned in good condition.
- Until such time as a player returns his or her Jumper, that player is not entitled to
  - end of season awards.
  - team photos.
  - receive a Jumper the following season.
  - have a transfer to another club approved by GJFC.
- If a Jumper still has not been returned within 7 days after the team's last game of the season, GJFC is entitled to issue an invoice for the full replacement cost of the Jumper (currently \$70) and that amount will be a debt due to GJFC.



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## Codes of Conduct - Signed Acknowledgement Form

### 1. Acknowledgement

By registering with the Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC), we agree to abide by these Codes of Conduct.

### 2. COVID-19

No member of our household is presenting with symptoms relating to COVID-19 or has recently been in contact with someone diagnosed with coronavirus.

If any of the above changes, I will not attend any GJFC events including training, matches and social events.

### 3. Additional Information

	Yes	No	Details
Do you have any allergies GJFC should know about?			
Do you have any medical conditions GJFC should know about?			
Do you have any other conditions GJFC should know about?			
If the answer is 'Yes' to any of the above, I have provided GJFC details of any relevant treatment plan, medication and/or other relevant information			

#### 4. Signed

Player Name:	
Player Signature:	
Parent/Guardian 1 Name:	
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Name:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature:	
Date:	