



SUPPORTER CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE

Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC) was established in 1964 and is the oldest junior football club in the Diamond Valley area. GJFC is a growing football club that aims to build the Diamond Valley's most inclusive and supportive community sporting club.

This document outlines the code of conduct to be observed by all parents and supporters of GJFC at all times.

The Northern Football and Netball League (NFNL) require each club, including GJFC, to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and, where warranted, banning, any players for breaches of this Code of Conduct. Copies of the NFNL rules and policies can be found at nfnl.org.au.

SCOPE

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

This Code of Conduct applies to all 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 (ie use of social media). Additionally, officials and volunteers are also bound by this code.

POLICY

1. You are there for the participants to enjoy the game, your presence should not impact this.
2. Encourage child participation, but do not force it.
3. Teach the youth GJFC members that enjoyment is more important than winning.
4. Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not discourage.
5. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, officials, umpires and other supporters.
6. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
7. Recognise and respect all volunteers, committee and officials who are giving up their time to enable GJFC games to go ahead.
8. Never publicly criticise umpires. Any concerns should be raised with GJFC Officials in a private environment, for the appropriate escalation process.
9. Do not use offensive comments based on race, religion, gender or ability.
10. Vilification not only breaches NFNL rules, but it is also against the law. Supporters found guilty of vilification may face disciplinary action by GJFC, the NFNL and possible police action.
11. Bullying is completely unacceptable behaviour. All supporters must adhere to the GJFC Bullying and Harassment Policy.

Consequences of Breaches

While it is difficult to control the behaviour of supporters who may not be a member of GJFC, all efforts 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 will be approached to engage with their supporters.

Any breach of this Code of Conduct by supporters who are members of GJFC may result in disciplinary action against the offending party, at the discretion of GJFC and/or NFNL.

Breach of Policy

Any breaches of this policy that are witnessed, should be reported to the **Match Day Manager** (Blue vest) for escalation.



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Policy Review and Ownership

The contents of this document represent the current policy and procedures of GJFC.

This policy is subject to a review each year and will be amended appropriately.

Amendments will be communicated to members as and when appropriate to ensure that it remains current.

Approved by GJFC Committee.

Authorised by

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Scott Devers

President GJFC

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