



CODE OF CONDUCT

Australians are justifiably proud of the place sport has in their daily lives. But what is equally important to us all is the way the game is played and the manner in which our sportsmen and women conduct themselves.

Chatswood Rangers Sports Club is a community based club that's objective is to contribute to the development of children and adults in The Willoughby City Council and surrounding municipalities by providing the opportunity for them to participate in sporting activities.

As a member of Chatswood Rangers Sports Club there is an expectation that their behaviour will reflect on the Club and as such the Code of Conduct has been established to set a minimum standard of behaviour for those participating in Club activities.

If individuals have a grievance, they should choose an appropriate time and make every reasonable effort to sort out the issue privately. This is best to be done as diplomatically as possible. If this is not successful individuals are entitled to put the grievance in writing to the committee for consideration. The committee will determine whether to deal with the matter or involve appropriate authorities.

If a member's conduct is inconsistent with our Code of Conduct the Committee reserves the right to terminate that's person's membership with our club.

The below Code of Conduct has been adopted from the Australian Sports Commission and believe that the following guidelines will create the right environment for members to enjoy their sporting activities with Chatswood Rangers Sports Club.



Players

- Play by the rules at all times.
- Respect the decisions made by game officials and refrain from arguing with them.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents and Spectators

- Remember that the participants are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on the efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage the players to always play according to the rules.
- Respect the officials' decisions and teach the participants to do likewise.
- Applaud good performance from players of both sides.
- Show respect and appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches and Team Officials

- Remember that people participate for pleasure and winning are only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Committee

- Involve members in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, official, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Always have the best interest of the Club when making decisions.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

The principles of natural justice will be observed when making decisions on breaches of the Code of Conduct and in deciding any penalties for such breaches. Any penalties that are imposed are to be appropriate to the seriousness of the breach.

Chatswood Rangers Sports Club reserves the right to determine an appropriate penalty for breaches of the Code of Conduct. These penalties may range from formal warnings and suspensions to deregistration from the Sports Club and exclusion from future participation.

Registering with Chatswood Rangers Sports Club implies that you agree to be bound by our Code of Conduct.