

ESSENDON DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE/GLENROY FOOTBALL/SPORTS CLUBS CODES OF CONDUCT -

As A signatory when registering to be part of the EDFL you have already legally agreed to abide by both the EDFL and the Glenroy Football/sports Club Codes of conduct.

Expectations of Parents/Guardians, Spectators & volunteers:

Remember that children play football for fun - they are not playing for your entertainment, nor are they miniature professionals, involvement is for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage players to participate, do not force them.

Focus on the players efforts - never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing the game. Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning.

Remember that players learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams. If you are carrying on in a poor manner, so might the players and at the very least they will not enjoy their football while you are embarrassing them and your club

Encourage players to always participate according to the rules & respect official's decisions. Remember a lot of these officials are only kids them selves & without umpires we do not have a game for your children to play

Recognise the value & importance of volunteer coaches & officials. Remember all of the committee, coaches & volunteers do all this work for free, so all your children can get a game of football on the weekends. To help make it easier get involved and help us help your children enjoy their sport.

An umpire's job is a difficult one - put yourself in their position - how would you like to be treated? If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement & honesty in public. Raise any concerns privately with your club.

Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not harassing or using foul language to umpires, players, coaches, or other spectators.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, officials or players. Respect the rights & dignity of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Support all efforts to remove

verbal, racial & physical abuse & to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence. Do so through official channels at your club

Discuss the Codes of Conduct with your son/daughter so that you are both are aware of your obligations.

Actively promote the Codes of Conduct & foster high standards of behaviour for your club at all times.

Please Note: Your failure to adhere to the codes of conduct may result in the withdrawal or suspension of your sons (s)/daughter(s) registration to play with your club and/or in the EDFL.

Expectations of Players:

All players are to play the game within the rules of the game and their club and also within the spirit of the game

Always play by the laws and rules - Be a team player - be a good sport

Control your temper - treat others as you would like to be treated - bullying will not be tolerated.

Verbal abuse to umpires, officials, parents or other players is not acceptable. Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.

Co-operate, support and encourage your team mates. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you. Don't forget to acknowledge opponents, officials and umpires, e.g. shake hands before & after the game.

Play fair, respect the rights and dignity of all players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Avoid ugly remarks based on race or gender.

To all players & parents. Please remember that a high tackle is a free kick (sometimes the umpires may not see due to players being in the way etc) and **if seen** will always be paid. But to punch, elbow, spit or worst of all to kick someone is assault. Which will result in a suspension either by the EDFL if reported, and definitely by the Glenroy Football Club regardless if you are reported or not. Also being an assault, there may also be police involvement should the player struck choose to do so. If your child is on the receiving end of any of this treatment you should alert your coach & teammanager who will help you deal with it through the official channels. Regardless of whether a free kick was paid or not, **DO NOT** start remonstrating with the opposition players,

coaches or spectators on the day, this will only bring yourself and your club into disrepute.

Above all else **Play for the "fun of it" - remember it's just a game!**

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