



Application

This policy of Elwood City Soccer Club (“ECSC”) applies to all members, parents, spectators, players, and persons associated with ECSC. Players, Parents and Spectators are required to comply with our Codes of Conduct at all matches, competitions, training sessions and any other ECSC sanctioned events. The Club has also adopted the [Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport](#) (the Victorian Code).

This policy applies to alleged behaviour that breaches our Codes of Conduct for Players, Parents and Spectators or the Victorian Code and especially if directed towards Match Officials (including but not limited to referees, linesman, assistant referees, game leaders and marshals), opposing players, spectators, parents, and team officials.

ECSC will not tolerate or accept disrespectful behaviour towards any person including match officials or any opposing team community.

If a complaint is lodged by a match official, opposition club, member of the community or an ECSC member with ECSC or Football Victoria, the ECSC Juniors Committee reserves the right to suspend the parent, player or spectator from future games immediately pending an investigation.

The ECSC Juniors Committee also reserves the right to immediately suspend a parent, player or spectator pending an investigation if an official complaint hasn’t been lodged but the alleged behaviour is brought to the attention of the ECSC Juniors Committee and is considered inconsistent with our Codes of Conduct or the Victorian Code.

If following an investigation, the ECSC Juniors Committee is satisfied that a breach of the relevant Code of Conduct has occurred, it may impose any of the following penalties:

- Reprimand of the parent, spectator and/or player involved
- Suspension of parent, spectator and/or player from attending ECSC matches, competitions, training sessions and any other club sanctioned event for a designated period
- Imposing conditions of Membership, such as undertaking any necessary course or tuition
- Expulsion as a member of ECSC
- Fines imposed on the parent, player or spectator involved, to the extent that the club incurs a fine as a result of the action
- A combination of the above

The following table provides direction on the severity and type of incident and the possible sanctions that the Juniors Committee may consider. It should be noted that each case will be different, and that sanctions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Incident Type

Possible Sanctions

Warning

- Disrespectful behaviour to Club officials, team managers team coaches or other Elwood players
- Disrespectful behaviour to opposition players, officials, or spectators

Reprimand

Yellow

- Minor match Infringements (eg 2 yellow cards accumulated over season),
- Repeated Warning incidents

Reprimand, Suspension, Conditions on Membership

Red

- Serious match Infringements (eg red card/s)
- Abuse of Club officials, team managers team coaches or other Elwood players
- Abuse of opposition players, officials, or spectators
- Match Official abuse
- Physical violence
- Discrimination
- Spectators entering pitch during play
- Repeated Yellow incidents

Immediate suspension pending a review of the incident followed by Suspension, Conditions on Membership, Expulsion, Fines, Combination of above