



Elwood City welcomes all players (boys and girls) and their parents to our Club.

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation

The Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

Referees for all competitions have been instructed to come down hard on breaches of the FV's Code of Conduct for players, coaches, officials and spectators. Avenues for appeal are expensive. Fines can be imposed by Football Victoria. To protect the Club from the financial impact of such fines the Club has determined that all players, coaches, officials, parents and supporters will be held personally liable for any fines they incur.

Players are expected to behave in accordance with the code below

- Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game;
- Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport;
- Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team;
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player;
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
- Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches;
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you;
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.