



Oak Park Football Club

Child and Young Person's Safety Code of Conduct – Junior Football Season 2022

Expectations of the Oak Park Football Club

- Positive Guidance – Acting appropriately with children and young people.
- Encourage your children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child/s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules of the sport they are playing.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and fellow spectators.
- Adhering to role boundaries of the Oak Park Football Club – Should not act outside of the confines of the duties of your role.
- Use of language and tone of voice – no swearing or defamatory language, clear direction and encouragement, not being harmful in what you say.
- Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Do not belittle or abuse the umpires or approach them at any stage of the game including intervals. As your child is beginning or developing his/her sporting career, so too, in most instances are the umpires. Be tolerant and treat them the same way you would wish your child to be treated.
- Diversity and Inclusion- Do not tolerate any discriminatory practices; promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal or culturally/linguistically diverse children and their families; welcome children with a disability and act to promote their participation.
- A copy of the *EDFL Racial and Religious Tolerance Policy* is available at the clubrooms for your perusal. .
- If you have a disagreement with the Football Club, Coach, Game Day Official or Umpires, raise your concerns with your Team Manager or Junior Co-ordinator.
- Supervision - avoid being alone one on one with a child or young person out of the view of others where possible.
- Use of electronic communications with young people – where possible email, text messages and social media communications to include parent/guardian or within an open group message.
- Photographs of child and young people - within expectations of the Oak Park Football Club e.g. photos taken in context of the program, dressed appropriately.
- Physical contact with children and young people – done when reasonable and in an appropriate manner.
- Sexual misconduct – under no circumstances are sexual acts to occur with or in the presence of children or young people.
- Change room arrangements – important to supervise children and young people while also balancing a right to privacy.
- Transporting children and young people– prior authorisation from management and child's parents.



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- Alcohol and Drugs - while on duty must not use, possess, supply or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, including incapacitated from legal medications.
- All parents/guardians who plan to drop their children off at away games need to communicate with their child's coach or team manager so they are aware the parents/guardians are not present at the game. This will ensure the child or young person is dropped off at the correct location and if the child or young person is injured the parent or guardian can be contacted by mobile.
- All parents/guardians must supervise their children at the Oak Park Football Club. The venue is located in close proximity to the Moonee Ponds Creek which can be dangerous especially for younger children. The Oak Park Football Club does not take responsibility for any child that goes near the Moonee Ponds creek path and waterway.
- All parents/guardians are to pick their children up at the correct time from training and game day. Coaching staff or volunteers will confirm all children are collected by their parents or guardians before leaving the ground. Parents/guardians must ensure their own child's safety with the support of the Oak Park Football Club.
- Involvement in your child's team is strongly encouraged. Offer your services to your child's Team Manager. You, your child and the team will benefit from your contribution.
- Oak Park Football Club expects the highest level of conduct on and around the ground at all times. If circumstances arise where this is not the case severe action will be taken.