



# CODE OF CONDUCT

## Introduction

ANZA Soccer believes that teaching children to play fairly and with good spirit is just as important as teaching them skills and strategy. Please read and help your child understand and follow the **Player's Code of Conduct**. All parents must also read and follow the **Parent's Code of Conduct**. Parent coaches must also read and follow the **Coach's Code of Conduct**.

## Player Conduct

**As a player, I will play by the rules:**

I will follow the ANZA Soccer Rules of Play.

I will never argue with a referee or official.

I will never use mean or insulting words toward any other player.

**As a player, I will be a good sport:**

- I will cooperate with my coach and my teammates.

I will play unselfishly, and I will congratulate good teamwork by others as well as good individual play.

I will win graciously and will not brag.

I will lose calmly and will not get angry.

After the game, I will always thank the other team, the coaches, and my parents.

## Coach Conduct

**As a coach, I will help my team members develop as players:**

- I will teach my players to play by the rules.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and with good spirit.
- I will encourage my players to applaud good teamwork as well as good individual play.
- I will ensure every player plays at least half the game.
- I will try to accommodate players' preferences for positions and encourage them to try new positions.

**As a coach, I will treat my players with respect and model fair play and good spirit:**

- I will remember that children play for fun, and that winning is only part of the fun.
- I will never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake.
- I will never ridicule or shout at my team for losing.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on my players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- After the game, I will thank the other team's players and coaches, and the referee.

**As a coach, I will be prepared and organised:**

- I will come to the pitches prepared for our training time.
- I will attend at least one of the "Parent-Coach Training Sessions" offered by ANZA's professional coaches.
- I will liaise with my Team Parent to ensure good organisation and communication.
- I will respect my Age Group Coordinator and follow their directions.
- I will call on other parents to help me as needed.

## Parent/Spectator Conduct

**As a parent, I will help my child play fairly and with good spirit:**

- I will inform my child of the Player's Code of Conduct and make sure they understand it.
- I will support the coach when they instruct my child about fair play.
- I will remind my child to play for fun, not only to win.
- I will encourage my child to always play by the rules.

**As a parent, I will model fair play and good spirit:**

- I will cheer for good play, whether by my child's team or their opponents.
- I will never make negative comments about any child's play.
- I will control my temper and never argue with referees.
- I will respect the coaches' decisions.
- After the game, I will thank the coaches, team parent, and referee.

**As a parent, I will be responsible and helpful, understanding that ANZA relies on volunteers:**

- I will be ready to set up cones, move goals, and help organisers/coaches as needed.
- I will remove all litter from the pitches when our time slot ends.

- I will accept the decisions of the organisers, understanding they aim to accommodate the majority.
- I will help get all players safely off the pitches if play is suspended due to lightning.
- I will not leave my child unsupervised at the pitches, understanding that ANZA is not a child-minding service.
- I will ensure my child has shin guards, adequate water, and sunscreen.
- I will not drive onto the emergency access (gravel) road and will park only in marked spots.
- I will abide by all rules of The Cage Sports Park, including no dogs on the pitches.

## Enforcement

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspensions, or expulsion from ANZA Soccer. The severity of the disciplinary action will be determined by the ANZA Soccer Committee, based on the nature and severity of the violation.

## Reporting Violations

Any violations of this Code of Conduct should be reported to the ANZA Soccer management team immediately. Reports can be submitted via email or in person to a committee member.

## Summary

This Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that all participants in ANZA Soccer can enjoy a safe, positive, and rewarding experience. By adhering to these guidelines, we can all contribute to a thriving and respectful soccer community.