



CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent, Guardian, and Player

Mackay Wanderers FC as a club, is responsible for the way our parents, players, coaches, officials, and members behave during the season on and off the football field. Poor sportsmanship and inappropriate behaviour on the playing field involving our players, coaches, officials, and members reflects badly on our club, whether occurring at our home ground or at an away fixture. To avoid this improper behaviour and unacceptable publicity that is often associated with clubs because of such behaviour, Mackay Wanderers FC has adopted the Codes of Conduct that are administered by the Football Federation of Australia.

The main rules/regulations are listed below and can also be found on our website.

Failure to adhere to these rules will mean the member may face a club sanction or at worse, a cancellation of their registration and or membership.

PLEASE READ - Parent/Guardian

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Refrain from inappropriate gestures and communications with all players, coaches, officials, parents, and members
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child would not participate

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion
- Never make any statement in public or on social media, including any contribution to television, radio or print media, Facebook, Instagram, or on-line forums that is disparaging of Mackay Wanderers FC, a Match Official, opposition team or any Player or Team Official

PLEASE READ - Player

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition
- Control your temper. The verbal abuse of officials or sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so, will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion
- Adhere to the Clubs Dress Code and ensure you always maintain a professional appearance when representing Mackay Wanderers FC at games, training, or Club functions
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