



St Albans Saints Soccer Club Code of Conduct

Introduction

- The Code of Conduct set out below applies to all representatives of St Albans Saints Soccer Club. This includes players, coaches, officials, parents / guardians/ spectators/ friends.
- St Albans Saints Soccer Club promotes an environment free of any type of anti-social behaviour.
- We at St Albans Saints Soccer Club believe everyone has the right to enjoy and participate in football. Everyone is to be treated fairly and respected at all times, without discrimination and within the spirit of fair play.

Players

- Players will at all times have good manners and be courteous to others whether at training, participating at games or representing the club in any way.
- Players are expected to fulfil their commitment to attend all games and training sessions held for their team and must inform their Coach or Manager if they are unable to attend.
- 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 unauthorized drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.
- When training or playing football shin pads must be worn at all times.
- Players will be provided with sport apparel. This apparel is YOUR responsibility and must be brought to all games. Should the apparel be lost or damaged, it is your responsibility to replace them to ensure each

player in the team is appropriately attired. Failure to have the correct apparel will result in the player being excluded from playing in future games until the apparel is replaced. Please label all items clearly.

- Always attend match day in your full match day tracksuit. Any player who does not adhere to the St Albans Saints Dinamo playing dress code will not be allowed to participate on the particular day
- Play by the rules.
- Players who receive a Red Card during the 2017 season will incur a penalty from the FFV. Players must pay all infringements themselves. The Club will not pay any players fines.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Captain, Coach or Manager approach the official during a break, or after the match.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of the committee, officials, sledging of other players or deliberately distracting and provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Drink bottles are NOT to be shared between players at any time.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or 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.
- Bullying will not be tolerated
- 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.
- Teams / players that play last at home will be expected to help in downing nets and packing up corner posts and benches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches & Team Managers

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Ensure that all players have been picked up by their parents / guardians before leaving.
- Ensure that all training aids are returned.
- Ensure that all changes of training venues, trials, external runs, are given prior permission by our committee.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents/Guardians/Spectators/Friends

- Parents are required to help the club with activities such as game day duties. Parents will also be asked to support social functions and fund raising activities. A roster for game day duties will be distributed by team managers.

- COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

- Parents are required to remain at the club for the duration of their child's participation in training.

- It's imperative to stay behind the sideline during game day and training at all times, parents/guardians cannot enter the playing field or around the sides during game day and training.

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

- Encourage children to participate and do not force them.

- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

- Encourage children to always 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.

- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**** Respect the match official's decisions ALWAYS and teach your child to do likewise. Show respect and appreciation to referees, FFV officials, club volunteers, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels. Do not smoke within 10 metres of the club pavilion, the team bench (Technical Area) or pitch sideline. Likewise do not consume alcohol within 10 metres of the team bench (Technical Area) or pitch sideline.**

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- Players, Coaches or Managers who are sent off for swearing or verbal abuse at a game will receive a further suspension or fine by the Club depending on the severity of the situation – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- St Albans Saints Soccer Club has a disciplinary committee which consists of the club's President and a minimum of two committee members.
- Anyone who fails to abide by the Clubs Code of Conduct will be summonsed to appear before the clubs disciplinary committee. Failure to appear will result in the committee holding a meeting and finalising the issues at hand. Depending on the circumstances, a person or persons can be warned, fined, suspended or expelled from the club.
- All grounds in the Brimbank Council areas are GLASS FREE.
- We promote a safe car park area to ensure protection of family and children. Anyone who drives recklessly and/or dangerously will be asked to leave and police will be notified.
- Please dispose of all rubbish in the bins that are provided.
- Changes and add-ons to this Code of Conduct can happen at any time as issues evolve and will be posted on our noticeboard.

Code of Behaviour Acceptance Form

Squad Age Group U.....

Players Name: _____ Surname: _____

Parents Name: _____ Surname: _____

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(PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

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(Date)

****Please note that upon signing this document you, your child and any family members, accept and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the St Albans Saints Dinamo Soccer Club Code of Conduct noted above.**