



Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club

Code of Conduct

The Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club has a code of conduct which is expected to be understood and adhered to by all registered players, officials, and employees of the club. Our members are expected to and required to adhere to this code of conduct as part of their club registration procedure or by accepting being voted on to the committee.

The code of conduct reflects the highest standards of public behaviour and the expectations of the club administration. The club is under no obligation to accept applicants as members, and past behaviour may be taken into account when an application for membership is received. Membership must be renewed on a yearly basis.

The Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club expects and requires that all those associated with the club, at all times, conduct themselves in the best interests of the club with special importance placed on our good standing within both the football community and most importantly, within our local social community.

The club is one part of a larger collection of senior, junior and female and Small Sided Football players and all groups may be represented at our games. We endeavour to include those who have made an effort to be part of our club and we expect that all members contribute to this environment.

The code of conduct is not designed to suppress passion or commitment for the club or the team, but rather, is designed to ensure that club participants understand that there is a line which divides passion and offensive behaviour.

All members of Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club must comply with the code of behavior of the Football Federation of Victoria and any other group Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club is associated with when representing the club.

The club will not be responsible for fines imposed by the Football Federation Victoria (FFV). Members who cause the club to be fined by the FFV will be required to pay the fine and may face additional disciplinary action as decided by the club's executive committee.

In particular, the following behaviors are not tolerated and we ask everyone to be mindful of their personal conduct in the vicinity of the club before, during and after games, training and whilst representing the club away from the club.

- **Violent and/or aggressive conduct**

There is no place for violence in our club. Abuse of opponents, spectators, referees or other players (Croydon City Arrows players or players from other teams) either verbally or physically is not tolerated. Members who are disciplined by Football Federation of Victoria or Victoria Police will be expected to pay their fines promptly and may be further disciplined by the club.

- **Foul and abusive language**

The club does not tolerate foul language, nor does it condone abusive language directed towards opponents, spectators and officials. Members who are disciplined as a result of language whilst representing the club will be required to pay any fine. All members must accept responsibility for their demeanor.

- **Racial Vilification**

Our club is a proudly Australian community organisation and our members come from a diverse range of cultural and racial backgrounds. We are here for the common purpose of playing football. If you are unable to accept such differences without disparaging attitudes, then the Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club is not for you.

- **Sexual Vilification**

We will not tolerate any gender based vilification. We are a family friendly club and encourage players to bring along their families and friends. Sexual slurs or innuendo are not part of our culture and will not be tolerated.

- **Responsible Alcohol Management and Consumption**

Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club has a duty of care for all people who attend games and functions and may be liable where damage or injury is associated with alcohol misuse. As such Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club is committed to ensuring a healthy environment for all members associated with Football Federation Victoria and Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club.

Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club does not encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol. Members who are intoxicated will not be permitted to enter the grounds of premises of the Club. Intoxicated members will be asked to leave the premises (after appropriate safe transport options offered).

No alcohol is permitted to be consumed or sold at games or training where junior members are participating on behalf of the Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club.

No alcohol is to be consumed by committee members whilst on duty during games.

All members, opponents and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the premises during games or functions. Individuals who are found to have brought alcohol onto the premises will be asked to remove it immediately. Failure to comply will see the individuals being asked to leave the premises.

- **Breaches and Non Compliance**

Any non compliance or breach of the code of conduct will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club for further action.

Action may include explanation of the club's code of conduct, including identification of the section of the code of conduct not being complied with.

Continued non compliance will result in action which may include temporary or permanent expulsion from Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club games and functions.

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