



Sydney Social Soccer CODE OF CONDUCT (Updated 24.04.2023)

Players

- Play may be active, and spirited, but should never be unsportsmanlike or forceful. Recurring offenders will be suspended from the competition.
- Players exhibiting aggressive behaviour will receive ensuing warnings and further behaviour will put the player under review for suspension.
- A player who receives two yellow cards, or a red card will be sent off the field of play and put under review for suspension.
- Verbal abuse will not be tolerated. This includes verbal abuse to the referees, the opposing team, the statistician, the spectators, and teammates. A player who is excessively swearing will be given a yellow card.
- Players should not react with violence to any physical or verbal provocation. A retaliation will be dealt with at least as severely as the original provocation
- A player is allowed to approach a referee to question a decision they have made with respect and good will. A player should never argue with the referee or yell at them about a decision that was made. A referee has the right to take away the privilege of communication from any player. • Any on-going antagonistic behaviour towards the referees, bench or any other officials will be dealt with a yellow card, and the player will be put under review for suspension.
- A player should be modest in victory, and humble in defeat. Immodest behaviour in victory or success, and a display of self-disgust at an error or failure is a showing of poor sportsmanship.
- Name-calling (including body shaming, racism, homophobia, misogyny, etc.) is unacceptable and will put the player under review for a suspension/ban. Bullying of any kind is not tolerated.
- Cheering at an error made by the opponent is a showing of poor sportsmanship, and will not be tolerated.
- Players on the bench are also subject to the above rules and can be given a yellow card at the discretion of the referee.
- Players that smell of alcohol can be asked to leave the premises.
- The Code of Conduct is enforced at the discretion of the referee and management, and can result in yellow or red cards (referee), be told to “Sit down” on their bench, or Suspension (management). A player who is red carded will not be permitted to return to the field of play for the rest of the game.
- Players are encouraged to play in a sportsmanlike manner and to extend courtesy to the opposing team. This includes post-match courtesies such as shaking hands with the opposing team and extending thanks to the referees and the bench after the match. SSS encourages players to enjoy the game, not stress about it. Please remember, just like in a park, pub or office; the laws about assault and threats also apply to the football field.

Spectators & Coaches

- Spectators are never to contemptuously shout at opposition players, the referee, the statistician or other spectators.
- Spectators are never to talk to or give advice to the referee during the game.
- Spectators are to show respect for the opposing team and the game occurring, including actions like kicking balls on the field, or deliberately distracting other players.
- Spectators are not to run onto the field of play whilst the game is occurring.
- Cheering at an error made by the opponent is a showing of poor sportsmanship.
- Coaches may talk to the referee about a decision made, but as with the players, cannot antagonise the referee about the call. Coaches can have these privileges removed at the discretion of the referee. Coaches too can get yellow and red cards.
- Spectators that bring or smell of alcohol can be asked to leave the premises.
- If the referee asks the spectators to do something, for example move back from the sidelines, pick up and give back soccer balls, we respectfully ask that spectators listen to the referee and comply.
- All of these rules can be enforced and spectators can be asked to leave. A spectator who will not leave will halt the game and management may need to involve the police.