LISMORE THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

codes of behaviour POLICY

Lismore Thistles Football Club Code of Behaviour aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved in sport. It should apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

* Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
* Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
* Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
* Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
* Treat each person as an individual.
* Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
* Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
* Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
* Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
* Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
* Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
* Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
* Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
* Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
* Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

# Junior Players

* Uphold the playing values of Lismore Thistles Soccer Club Inc.
* Players are to play by the rules of the game and within the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.
* Playing fair requires courage and character and is more satisfying, as playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested.
* Never verbally abuse or argue with a Match Official, player or the opposition coach or manager as this is not acceptable.
* Support your fellow players and cooperate with your coach and manager.
* Do not bully another player and treat other players as you like to be treated.
* Be a “good sport” applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the other team.
* Accept defeat with dignity, and seek genuine reasons as to why you lost, do not seek excuses for defeat. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Good losers gain more respect than bad losers.
* Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit and give your best at all times.

# Coaches and Managers

* Uphold the values and teachings of Lismore Thistles Football Club Inc.
* Teach players the worth of “fair play and sportsmanship” and to compete within the rules of the game.
* Young players participate for pleasure and winning is only a part of the fun.
* Ensure that average players are to have the same opportunities and game time as the more talented players and that the time players spend with us is a positive experience.
* Do not bring up talented players from lower age divisions at the detriment to our own players.
* Respect the decisions of the Match Officials.
* Respect the decisions of the Ground Officials.
* Never ridicule or unduly scold a player for making a mistake.
* Gain the appropriate coaching certificate to aid in the training and development of your players.
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, colour, language, national or ethnic origin.
* Not to use violence in any form, whether it is against spectators, Team Officials, (including coaches and managers), Match Officials or Players.
* Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
* Help each person (player, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
* Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
* Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

# Officials

* Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
* Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
* Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
* Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

# Administrators

* Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
* Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
* Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
* Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
* Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

# Parents/Carers

* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
* Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
* Focus on your child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
* Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a game.
* Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game’s outcome.
* Show respect to your team’s coach, the referee and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
* Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour – no foul language, physical or verbal abuse or harassment of administrators, coaches, players or referees. We condemn the use of violence at all times.
* Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
* Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
* Respect official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise.
* Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
* Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
* Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials.

# Spectators

* Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
* Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.

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We, the players and parents/carers of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ team agree to abide by Lismore Thistles Football Club’s Codes of Behaviour and understand the potential consequences of my actions.

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We the coach and manager of this team support our players and parents/carers to play football in the spirit of “Fair Play and Sportsmanship”

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