



ELTHAM REDBACKS FOOTBALL CLUB INC.
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B2 Player Code of Conduct
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NOTE: For references to other 'parts', see the related section of the Member's Protection Policy.

B2. Player Code of Conduct

ERFC recognises the right of each member to experience a safe, inclusive and enjoyable football environment. To that end, the club expects certain standards of behaviour from all members in order to build this environment. The standards are underpinned by the following core values:

- To act within the rules and spirit of football;
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in football and prevent discrimination and harassment;
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children involved in football; and
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of football.

We have adopted this Player Code of Conduct, based on codes of conduct adopted by Football Australia and Football Victoria, to assist playing members ('players') to contribute to such an environment.

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Player Code of Conduct - includes, but not limited to:

- Respect all other participants and the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
 - Play fair, play by the rules, and play to the best of your ability, always.
 - Be a good sport, displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
 - Respect the equipment and facilities provided to you as part of your program.
 - Be honest with your coach concerning illness and injury, and your ability to train and play.
 - Never yell at, ridicule, or criticise other participants. They are all trying their best.
 - Respect and follow the directions of your team officials and match officials.
 - Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded.
 - Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
 - Be respectful whether you win or lose. Shake hands with the other team and match official at the end of the game.
 - If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at your club speak to someone you trust.
 - Play by the game according to FIFA's Laws of the Game and Football Victoria's Rules of Competition;
 - Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
 - Treat all players in the way that you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, act disrespectfully or take undue advantage of another player;
 - Cooperate with coaches, teammates, opponents and club officials. Without them, there would be no competition;
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- Conduct yourself in a manner that maintains the good standing and reputation of the Eltham Redbacks Football Club and football in general, both in your actions as an ERFC member and beyond;
- Wear the required protective equipment and remove all jewellery prior to taking the field. Not doing so is a hazard to you and those around you; and
- Do not use any banned or unauthorised substances and report those who do to club officials.
- Conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication to share information. Information should be restricted to club matters and:
 - must not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person
 - must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person
 - should respect and maintain the privacy of members
 - must not bring the club into disrepute
 - must be clear and concise and not open to misinterpretation

