

Balcatta FC



Codes of Behaviour

- General
- Player
- Parent
- Coach
- Official

Balcatta FC (Inc.)
Grindleford Drive Balcatta
P O Box 41 Northlands
Ph: 9344 4115 Em: admin@baltattasc.com.au
www.baltattafc.com.au

General Code of Behaviour

Balcatta FC caters for the needs of all age groups from 3 years of age to adult and has established a committee which will be convened to arbitrate over matters of concern. Parents, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Players who are members of Balcatta FC are bound by the rules of the club and in the event that any issue arises that is in variance to our codes of behaviour, it may be necessary for the Disciplinary Committee to consider this matter. The Committee comprises of three (3) members selected on the basis of their individual expertise

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service.
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to high standards, rules, regulations and policies.
- Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines.
- Do not use your involvement with Football West or an affiliated club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Balcatta FC or are deemed to be a conflict of interest by the committee.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age.
- Be aware of responsibilities under the Child Protection Act and report any matters as required under the mandatory reporting requirements of the Child Protection Act.
- Refrain from any form of harassment, discrimination or racial vilification of others.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring BFC into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.

Fines

If any player, club official or parent has committed an offence under the by-laws or rules published by Football Federation Australia and is subsequently disciplined and/or fined, the person shall be liable to pay all costs associated with the offence.

Balcatta FC reserves the right to refuse any membership application as it sees fit and in accordance with guidelines as set out by FFA.

Winning and losing

Players have to learn to accept that winning and losing are part and parcel of the game of football. Everyone makes mistakes and players need to be corrected so as to learn from their mistakes. It is important for the player to accept constructive criticism from the coaching staff and ensure they work as part of a cohesive team.

A player may also have to be substituted during the game. This is another aspect of the game that young players need to understand.

Players should be encouraged and congratulated after every game regardless of the result.

Players Code of Behaviour

- Treat all players, coaches, team officials, referees and other teams with **RESPECT AND COURTESY** at all times when representing Balcatta FC.
- This means no fighting, arguing, name-calling or bullying others while you play football.
- Encourage all team members to participate **EQUALLY** at training and in the scheduled games no matter what their ability.
- You represent Balcatta FC while at football and your language should show **RESPECT AND COURTESY FOR YOUR CLUB AT ALL TIMES.**
- At all times play by the rules of football at training and during scheduled games.
- Thank your opposition players, referees, coaches and team managers at the end of each game.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
- Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the program requirements
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Cooperate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.

Parents and spectators code of behaviour

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports. Remember, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment as well as yours.
- **ENCOURAGE** your child to play by the rules.
- Teach your child that an **HONEST EFFORT** is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards **SKILL IMPROVEMENT** and **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember, your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- Ensure that your child has boots that fit comfortably and that your child wears his uniform with **PRIDE** – with their shirt tucked in and socks pulled up.
- Do not pack your child off to the club **unattended**. Be **supportive** of your child's development and don't be afraid to discuss your child's progress with the coach.
- Please be supportive of the club and **offer your services to help out** any way you can.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, referee and so on).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Be a positive role model
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age.

Coach's code of behavior

- Be **REASONABLE** in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid **over-playing** the talented players. The "developing" players need and deserve **equal time**.
- Remember that all children participate for **FUN AND ENJOYMENT**.
- Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Take into consideration the maturity level of the children when scheduling and determining the length of training times.
- Develop **TEAM RESPECT** for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep them informed of sound coaching principles and the principle of **growth and development of children**.
- Create opportunities to teach **appropriate sports behaviour** as well as basic skills.
- Ensure **knowledge of the game** is such that the players are encouraged to play within the **rules and spirit of the game** and fully accept the role of the referee.
- To ensure that the appropriate **duty of care** is provided for the players at all times during training and playing the game.
- Provide appropriate **DISCIPLINE** when necessary and strictly in accordance with the club policy.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.

- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- Ensure that the tasks and/or training set are suitable for age, experience, ability, and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.
- Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.

Official's code of behaviour

- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that **adequate supervision** is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing **sports behaviour and skill technique**.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their **responsibilities regarding fair play**.
- Condemn **unsporting behaviour** and promote **respect** for all opponents.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players/participants above all else.
- Be impartial.
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction
- Ensure **promotion, wellbeing and safety of referees** and **encourage good sportsmanship** before, during and after matches.