



MJFC: SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Our commitment

Safety and Wellbeing of Participants

- Prioritise the physical, emotional, and psychological safety of all participants.
 - *Example: Do not throw projectiles onto the field/pitch.*
- Understand and uphold the values and standards that the club has established.
 - *Example: Review the club values and inclusion policies.*
- Recognise and respect the rights, identities, and dignity of all participants, regardless of age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion
 - *Example: Choose clothing, banners, and accessories that celebrate team spirit and fair play, avoiding symbols, slogans, or imagery that could exclude or intimidate others.*
- Always remain in the spectator area.
 - *Example: Do not attempt to access the game play or player only areas during practices or matches.*

Uphold the Integrity of Sport

- Always respect the decisions of the coaches and officials.
 - *Example: Support the decisions of the referees, regardless of your opinion and refrain from yelling demands or criticisms of official or coaching decisions during practices or matches.*
- Lead by example, upholding the values of fairness, respect, and integrity.
 - *Example: Support both teams, praising the effort of all participants.*
- After games or practices, encourage enjoyment, effort, and participation rather than just outcomes or performance.
 - *Example: Celebrate small improvements and contributions, not just scoring goals.*
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches, and administrators, modeling positive behavior.
 - *Example: Consider, if appropriate, discussing concerns respectfully post-game.*
- Promote a harassment-free and discrimination-free environment.
 - *Example: if appropriate and safe, intervene if you witness harassing behaviors by other spectators.*

Role Model Appropriate Behavior

- Always use respectful and supportive language when engaging with players, coaches, officials, umpires or other spectators.

- *Example: Avoid the use of explicit language at all times.*
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every individual participating in sport.
 - *Example: Respect all players, spectators, officials regardless of their gender, sexuality, age, ethnicity, abilities, or other characteristics.*
- Encourage and support children and other players after matches and practices, regardless of their performance.
 - *Example: If a child makes a mistake in practice or a match, offer reassurance and support.*
- Be a role model for appropriate behavior within the club, especially for children who seek out adults for behavior guidance.
 - *Example: Set a good example of what positive and inclusive spectator behavior should be.*
- Support both sides in matches, encouraging and cheering for good game play.
 - *Example: Clap and cheer for good plays, regardless of whether they were from your team or not.*

Breach of Code of Conduct Procedures

If you breach this code, the Executive Committee (Club) will take the following steps:

Step 1: Educative response – you will be reminded of the expected behaviors and how your behaviors breached the code of conduct. You will be asked to review the policies and be directed towards relevant education as warranted.

Step 2: Written warning – A formal letter (warning) will be provided to the you, detailing the breach and any required corrective actions.

Step 3: Disciplinary action – The Club will explore the imposition of a suspension or termination under the rules of our club / league constitution or related policies.

Acknowledgment

I have read and understood this Spectator Code of Conduct and commit to upholding these principles as a member of **MERENDA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____