

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that the game is free from bullying, verbal abuse, and physical abuse; and that the game is played in a competitive and fair manner.

All participants have a responsibility to promote respectful and positive behaviour. As role models, senior players must demonstrate behaviour that younger players can follow and that they would expect other players, team officials and match officials to display.

It is essential that **YOU** play your part and always follow this Code of Conduct.

### THE CODE

1. Play by the Laws of the Game.
2. Abide by the Constitution (Rules and Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the FFA and Football SA.
3. Fulfil your playing obligations with your club.
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and club officials always.
5. Accept the decision of the Referee and act respectfully towards all Referees.
6. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
7. Refrain from any form of verbal or physical abuse towards anyone.
8. Do not engage in any form of harassment, bullying or discrimination towards anyone.
9. Promote the best interests of Football and always consider how your actions may affect the image of the game.



10. Being involved in Football I accept I have a responsibility to be a good ambassador for the game.
11. Make no **detrimental statements in public** (internet social media, print, radio) in respect to any Club, Player, Referee, Football SA, FFA or Football in general.

**I understand that I must abide by this Code of Conduct and that a breach of this Code of Conduct may incur the following sanctions/requirements**

1. Required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.
2. Required to attend a meeting with club officials.
3. Counselling by my club.
4. Given a formal warning by my club.
5. Suspended from training and/or games.
6. Fined by my club (only applies to professional players).
7. Dismissed by my club.
8. Required to face a disciplinary hearing and receive sanctions imposed by Football SA in accordance with the competition rules and regulations and FFA Disciplinary Regulations.

