

SMFNC Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct 2026



Overview:

At South Morang Football Netball Club (SMFNC), we are committed to building a safe, respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all players, coaches, volunteers, and families.

Our values of **RESPECT**, **GROWTH**, **STRENGTH**, and **PRIDE**, guide how we behave on and off the field. As a parent, guardian or spectator, your behaviour plays a vital role in shaping our players experiences and the culture of our club.

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards expected of all parents, guardians, and spectators. By attending games, training, or events, you agree to uphold these standards and help create a positive, supportive and enjoyable football environment for everyone.

Code of Conduct Expectations

Each parent, guardian, and supporter must:

1. Support Children Positively

- Encourage participation, but never force it
- Prioritise fun, effort, learning and teamwork over winning
- Never ridicule or criticise a child for making mistakes or losing
- Let the coaches coach and avoid giving instructions from the sidelines

2. Respect All Participants

- Treat all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and spectators with dignity and courtesy
- Applaud good play and sportsmanship from both teams
- Respect umpiring decisions, even when you disagree - any concerns should be raised respectfully to club officials

3. Set a Positive Example

- Never use threatening, aggressive, or abusive behaviour - verbal or physical
- Do not engage in racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory remarks or gestures
- Show appreciation for all volunteers who give up their time to support the game

4. Act Safely and Responsibly

- Do not enter the field of play unless permitted by an official
- Do not engage in bullying, intimidation, or harassment - in person or online
- Respect all club equipment, facilities and property - home and away
- Refrain from smoking, vaping or consuming alcohol at junior matches

5. Use Social Media Appropriately

- Do not post or share offensive, abusive or inappropriate content online about players, coaches, umpires, clubs, or the league
- Social media includes (but is not limited to), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, WhatsApp, X (Twitter), blogs, forums, and messaging apps

Consequences of Breaches

SMFNC takes poor parent and spectator behaviour seriously.

Anyone who fails to meet the expectations outlined in the Code may be subject to disciplinary action, including, (but not limited to):

- Verbal or written warning
- Suspension from attending games, training or club events
- Reimbursement of fines issued to the Club due to parent, guardian or spectator conduct
- Removal or expulsion from the Club in serious or repeated cases

All disciplinary action will be determined by Club officials.

Agreement & Acknowledgement

By registering your child with South Morang Football Netball Club (SMFNC), you agree to:

- Abide by the Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct outlined above
- Ensure that all family members, friends, and spectators attending games or training on behalf of your child also uphold this Code
- Accept that breaches of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspensions, or removal from club activities, as determined by the club or the league

Your registration confirms your commitment to supporting a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all players, officials, volunteers, and spectators.