



# Goodwood Saints Football Club Inc.

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## 2011 - Code of Conduct Players, Parents/Caregivers and Spectator's

The GSFC Inc welcomes the involvement of players, parents/caregiver's, family members, and friends in our club. It is important that all persons respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants. With this in mind the GSFC has established a code of conduct to help create an environment that all persons can enjoy.

### Players' Code of Conduct

Play for your own enjoyment and benefit and not just to please parents/caregivers and coaches. Play by the Rules and respect the umpire's decision. Without them there would not be a competition. Never argue with an official. If you have a problem, talk to your Coach or Team Manager. Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.

Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### Parent's /Caregiver's Spectator's Code of Conduct

Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage children to participate, do not force them. Focus on the child's efforts and self esteem rather than winning or losing.

Encourage children to always participate according to the Rules. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or the team losing a match. Respect the umpire's decisions and teach children to do likewise. Without them there would not be a competition.

Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud the efforts of all players in both teams. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials, administrators and umpires and teach your children to do the same. Without them we would not have a competition. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Smoking and the consumption of alcohol on and near the field of play is unacceptable at junior sport

The GSFC can incur financial fines as set down by the Metro South Junior Football League (refer to their website for details) if any players, parents/caregiver's, family members, and friends do not adhere to the code of conduct at home or away games, as described under the Leagues Rules. Please note, under recent changes to the League's rules, spectators **are not permitted**, at any time, on the field during the finals series.

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**Once completed, please tear off this section, and return to your Team Manager. Please retain the top section for your own information. As rules and policies can change, it is a requirement that players sign this form each year.**

I ..... **Under** ..... **and** .....  
(Player's Name) (Grade playing 2011) (Parent/Caregiver's Name)

**Have both read, understand and agree to abide by the rules as set down by the GSFC and MSJFL as a registered player of the club.**

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(Player's signature) (Parent/Caregiver's signature) (Date)