IFA Codes of Conduct

IFA represents independent football across Australia.

Its goal is for youth football to be delivered in a safe, professional, collaborative and inclusive environment.

IFA's Codes of Conduct are designed so that we may collectively achieve this goal. Failing to comply with the code may result in removal of an offender.

We encourage that you report any offending conduct to your Academy Director. In-turn, Academy Directors should notify IFA as soon as practicable, pursuant to the requirements as set out in 15.4 of the *IFA Competition Entry and Participation Terms and Conditions*

Players

1. play 'fair' and within IFA's rules
2. respect:
   a) referees
   b) matchday officials
   c) our teammates
   d) opposing players
   e) coaches
   f) spectators
   g) media
   h) the tournament host and their facilities.

Academies

1. comply with, and ensure Players, their families and supporters understand IFA matchday rules and codes of conduct;

2. ensure that their Players participate within the laws and etiquette of the game;

3. promote Player enjoyment and learning in a safe and enjoyable environment

4. demonstrate professionalism and drive collegiality

5. support refereeing and decisions made by IFA representatives including matchday officials

6. respect:

   (a)   referees

   (b)   matchday officials

   (c)   their players

   (d)   opposing players

   (e)   their coaches and opposing coaches

   (f)   the tournament host and the facilities that we are fortunate enough to participate on.

Spectators

We will:

- trust academy directors and their coaches to give the participating players direction;

- not coach from the sideline;

- not disparage players, spectators, coaches, referees or officials;

- not use bad language or engage in behaviour that is offensive, threatening or violent;

- read, review and understand the rules, regulations and codes of conduct issued by IFA;

- not question referees regarding the decisions they, or match day officials make;

- encourage competition and offer support respectfully.