



## **LIDCOMBE CHURCHES SOCCER CLUB INC**

### **PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT**



Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club Inc operates within the membership of the NSW Churches Football Association (NSWCFA) whose motto is "For God and Sport". The aim of the Club is to foster and promote the game of Association Football (soccer) amongst the community in keeping with good sportsmanship. Playing the game of soccer for fun is seen as the most important priority for the Club Teams.

This Code of Conduct has been established to set a framework of behaviour expected of players representing Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club. Failure to comply with these standards may lead to the forfeiture of the right to represent the Club.

#### **Player's Code of Conduct**

Team players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and behaviour at all times to players, Referees, Coaches and spectators of both teams. Our Club has a proud tradition of good sportsmanship both in victory and defeat, with the following points providing sound guidance in this regard:

- ◆ Play soccer for the enjoyment, not just to please your parents or Coach. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.
- ◆ Play to the laws of the game.
- ◆ Work equally hard for yourself and for your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- ◆ Be a good sport. Applaud all good play,
- ◆ Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
- ◆ Co-operate with your Coach, team-mates, Referee and opponents, for without them you don't have a game.
- ◆ Control your temper. Never use foul, offensive, blasphemous or insulting language or behave in a racist or sexist or harassing manner.
- ◆ Never argue with the Referee's decisions. His/her decision is final and must be respected whether you agree with it or not.
- ◆ Thank the opposition players at the end of each game by shaking hands whether you win or lose. Good manners and sportsmanship make the game more enjoyable.
- ◆ Remember that playing soccer for enjoyment is much more important than winning. Accepting defeat with dignity from a team that has played better on the day shows great maturity and sportsmanship. Treat a defeat as an opportunity to improve your skills - there will always be another opportunity to win a game.
- ◆ The Coach will determine your playing position, and when you are substituted. Remember that he/she has your and your team's best interests at heart in making these decisions.
- ◆ The Coach is authorised to remove players from the field should their behaviour fall below the acceptable standard or bring the Club into disrepute.