



Football Victoria & Club Fines Policy

Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport – for all

South Springvale FC ('the Club') takes the Code of Conduct very seriously and as a result we will ensure that appropriate action is taken to protect our Club's reputation.

The Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in community sport and active recreation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated.

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation

The Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

Fines

It should be clear that referees for all competitions have been instructed to come down hard on breaches of the Football Victoria's (FV) Code of Conduct for players, coaches, officials and spectators. Red card for all levels of competition, senior, women and juniors can range from \$60 to several thousands of dollars for misconduct offences, depending of the severity of the charge.

To protect the Club from the financial impact of such fines, the Club has determined that all players, coaches, officials, parents and supporters will be held personally liable for any fines they incur. Naturally, the Club will support anyone wrongly accused, however Tribunal hearings usually end up being our word against the referee's word and so avenues of appeal are expensive.

Therefore, any fines for Red Cards issued to players during match play will be the responsibility of the player when relating to matters of conduct and poor sportsmanship. It follows that those responsible for the fine being imposed on the Club will be responsible for the payment of that fine. In the case of players under the age of 18 years, the parent/guardian agrees to be held personally liable for any fines imposed on the Club as a result of a breach of FV rules incurred by themselves, their family or the registered player, and they agree to reimburse the Club for the full cost of any such fines.

The player will not be allowed to participate in any further competition matches until the fine has been paid back to the Club in full. Non-payment of fines may result in expulsion from the Club for the player, coach, official, parent or supporter and the potential engagement of a debt collector to pursue unpaid fines.

For more information visit the FV's Frequently Asked Questions and FV's Rules and Regulation pages.