



GREYSTONES UTD AFC

CODE OF ETHICS PROGRAMME

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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Players Code of Conduct



On signing for the club and having read the Players Code Of Conduct below, I agree to abide by all I have read and to maintain a high standard of commitment to my team and Club both on and off the pitch.

- I understand that as a player I sign for Greystones United AFC and not a specific team within the Club and the team I play for will be determined by the club through its player assessment program.
- I understand that my coach is there to coach and not to improve my behaviour. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is permitted to remove me from the training session and/or match. Furthermore, the responsibility of my behaviour outside of team-sanctioned events is not that of team staff but is the responsibility of myself and of my family or guardian.
- I will not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.
- I will not take part in any form of bullying, either to an opposing player or to a player on my team. Bullying in any form, whether in person or electronically (any form of social media) will not be tolerated.
- I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and officials as I would like to be treated, with respect, regardless of race, creed, colour, nationality or gender.

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Games and Training:

- I will arrive at the ground before training and games according to the standards set by my team Coach.
- If I cannot make a game, I will notify the team Coach as early as possible so that arrangements for substitutes can be made.
- I realise that players who attend training may get priority in the game starting line-up. Starting line-ups are based on several factors including attendance at training, player's position, effort, attitude, etc.
- I realise that playing time is not always going to be equal despite my coach's attempt to do so. In fact some teams (higher level competitive teams) are permitted to use an "earned playing time" system and at the progressive and development levels, playing time shall be as near to equal as possible.

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- I understand that disagreements that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the Referee. The result may be a Caution (yellow card) or Dismissal (red card), in which case there may also be further action, including suspensions or fines, by the league Disciplining Committee or the Club.
- I understand that certain serious disagreements will result in a discipline hearing convened by the league or their delegate, and could lead to a suspension, and/or a fine being levied by the league or the Club. Payment of any fine is my responsibility.
- I understand that club gear must be worn to all matches home & away.
- It is my responsibility to wear the correct shin guards and footwear for training and matches.
- I will leave all venues as neat and tidy as I found them and remove all refuse from my area.

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Discipline:

- If, for any reason, the Code of Conduct is not followed by the player, any [one or more] of the following steps may be taken by the coach or the Club:
- Reduce the playing time of the player.
- Suspend the player for some time period.
- Removal of the player from the team.
- I understand that I may be responsible for reimbursing the Club for fines payable by the Club due to my actions or inactions. Failure to pay any fines will result in my suspension from the Club for an indefinite period of time. This will be determined at the board and will take into consideration the number of offences.