



CODE OF CONDUCT

Members Code of Behaviour - On or Off the Field

- Play by the rules – learn the rules of the game & play by them. Note that it is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules
- Play fair – winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly; playing fair earns respect while cheats are detested
- Play to win – it is an insult to any opponent to play at less than full strength. Work equally hard for yourself and your team; your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Accept defeat with dignity – nobody wins all the time so learn to lose graciously & congratulate the winners with good grace; determine to do better next time. If you have a legitimate match complaint, follow club procedure in resolving & reporting it via your coach/manager.
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, your captain or coach may approach the official on your behalf.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in football.
- Be a good sport; recognise all good players whether they are part of your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in football as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.
- Co-operate with you coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the grounds, property & equipment available to you; these were obtain with great effort & expense by others for everyone's enjoyment
- Members will not engage with drugs, alcohol or smoking while playing or on the sidelines during a game.

Supporters Code of Behaviour

- Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage players to always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all of football's activities.
- Respect official's decisions; teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, players could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Supporters will not engage with drugs, alcohol or smoking while on the sidelines or on DUFC controlled premises.

The Drury United Football Club Committee reserves the right to:

- Refer Members to the Disciplinary Committee.
- Suspend or refuse membership to any member if they OR their supporter/s are found to be in serious breach of the rules outlined above
- Refuse access to any DUFC grounds, matches or related event to any person associated with the club (ie. member, supporter, family member) who is found in serious breach of the rules outlined above

Northern Regional Football & New Zealand Football will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour and can impose suspensions or fines.

The Drury United FC supports this view and encourage any player or visiting supporter to report any offensive behaviour immediately to their nearest Committee Member or the Club Manager.

Note: Any penalties imposed are the individual Member's financial responsibility.