

# DRURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



## Guide for Members & Supporters

Welcome to the football season ☺

If at any time during the season you have any questions or concerns, your first point of contact should always be your team coach or manager. You also contact the Club Delegate or any member of the Club Committee if you need to (their details are on the club website).

Generally all the information you need can be found on the club website: [www.druryfootball.co.nz](http://www.druryfootball.co.nz)

Below is some information to help you through the season.

Ultimately, we're here so members can foster a passion for football and develop their skills by having fun & playing the game in the spirit it was intended. One of the prime purposes of playing a team's sport is to promote teamwork and consideration of others. Winning is an important factor in sport and all players should strive to produce their best effort. It is not however the ONLY factor so we are governed by Regulations and Codes of Conduct.

Failure to comply will ultimately result in the player not enjoying themselves (even if they win) and they are unlikely to want to continue playing.

Here is what is expected of you as a DUFC member or supporter...

### 1. ABIDE BY GOVERNING REGULATIONS & CODES OF CONDUCT

By registering yourself or your child as a DUFC member, you are agreeing to abide by the FIFA Fair Play Rules and the Regulations and Codes of Conduct of NZ Football, Auckland Football Federation & DUFC.

Copies of these documents are available on the websites of DUFC, AFF & NZF.

Breaching these Codes is grounds for termination of membership - please review them, especially the FIFA Fair Play Rules & DUFC Code as they extend to members AND supporters.

DUFC Membership has been revoked in the past for players when their OR their supporters' behaviour breaches the Codes and we will not hesitate to do so again if behaviour brings the club into disrepute or negatively impacts on other members.

Read the game rules for your age group. If you know the rules and play by them, the game is more enjoyable. There is less chance of conflict if parents & supporters also know the rules - they do change periodically and won't be the same as when you played! Copies of rules can be found on the DUFC website.

### 2. KEEP CONTACT DETAILS UPDATED

Please advise your team Manager and the Club Delegate if your contact details (including cellphone numbers and email addresses) change.

The Club communicates with members primarily by email and it's imperative we have an emergency number to contact you on in case of player injury or match changes. If there is more than one person responsible for a player, we are happy to contact multiple caregivers.

### 3. ATTEND TRAINING & MATCHES

Teams train at least once a week and play a match on Saturday. Some teams train twice a week and through the school holidays. You should make these if possible or negotiate with the Coach if you cannot. Some matches take place in the school holidays. As a team member, you are expected to attend all team events. If you cannot, it is your responsibility to let the Coach or Manager know as much in advance as possible so they can arrange a substitute. Teams who don't play a scheduled match due to lack of numbers & don't notify DUFC/AFF in advance can be liable for a fine, which is paid by the TEAM, not the club.

While Managers will endeavour to let players know of match times and changes, it is not always possible and changes can occur at very short notice right up until kick-off. It is your responsibility to check the match Fixtures on the AFF website (instructions for this are on the DUFC website) to ensure you know where you need to be and when.

Please turn up on time for training & matches. Do not simply drop children off - ensure they have supervision, offer to help out if you can and be sure you are back to collect children before training ends. Coaches/managers are requested not to leave players unsupervised but it is not their responsibility to 'babysit' them once training/matches end. If parents/guardians can't make the allotted times, they should arrange for another parent to, not assume the coach/manager will. If you are not there, ensure you can be contacted if necessary.

### 4. SUPPORT YOUR TEAM, COACH AND MANAGER

The team coach & manager are volunteers. They give of their time freely, often at a cost to their work and family commitments. It is expected that they will be treated with respect by players & supporters as they undertake their duties. If you have an issue, please approach the Coach or Manager to discuss it calmly and respectfully. If a satisfactory resolution can't be found, contact the Club Delegate for assistance.

Support the Coach's decisions. They are in control of who plays, what position they play, subbing and game strategies. Please don't contradict a coach's instructions - it's great to call out support and encouragement to players but do not direct play.

If you don't agree with a coach's call, discuss it with them in private after the match, away from the players. Keep the discussion calm and respectful.

In addition, please do not make negative comments about or to players. Remember that they are children, they have feelings & their hearing is supersonic! We are here to foster a love of the game & encourage them.

DUFC will not tolerate poor behaviour of any kind at training or matches, be it directed at coaches, managers, players or other supporters. This includes foul language, verbal & physical abuse and undermining the coach or manager's roles. Players may be removed from the field and supporters asked to leave.

### 5. BE PREPARED

Turn up to training and matches in the correct playing gear: authorised Drury shirt, shorts & socks; boots and shin pads. Bring a bottle of water and on cold days, wear a thermal shirt under your team shirt and have a jacket to slip on when on the side-line. Club shirts are for matches only, please do not train in them.

### 6. SMOKING / ALCOHOL / DRUGS

Please do not smoke or consume drugs or alcohol on the sideline, around players or on club grounds for health and safety reasons. Our grounds are Council property and as such, there is a drug and alcohol ban in place. We cannot enforce a smoking ban however smoking (and the use of drugs and alcohol or being under their influence) is covered in our Code of Conduct and we will revoke membership of any player if they or their supporters breach the Code.