

CROOKWELL SOCCER CLUB INC.

SENIOR PLAYERS

CODE OF CONDUCT



Play by the rules. They are designed to ensure the game is fun and fair for everyone. Adhering to the rules helps create an enjoyable, supportive environment for everyone to enjoy the sport together.

- Play fair. Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Playing fair requires courage and character and is more satisfying. Playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested.
- Refrain from conduct which may be regarded as sexual harassment towards fellow players, officials and coaches.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition. **Fair play means respect.** Referees are there to maintain discipline and fair play.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Remember you are part of a team. Everyone is responsible for turning up and putting in the effort to ensure their team and their opponents have an enjoyable experience.
- A professional appearance relating to language, manner, temper and punctuality is to be adopted at all times.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Accept defeat with dignity. Nobody wins all the time. Learn to lose graciously. Don't seek excuses for defeat, genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Don't blame the referee or anyone else. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
- Promote the interests of football, it is the world's greatest game. Think of football's interests before your own. Think how your actions may affect the image of the game. Talk about the positive things in the game. Encourage other people to watch it or play it fairly. Be an ambassador for the game.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport. Watch out for attempts to tempt you into cheating or using drugs. Drugs have no place in football, or in our society. Say no to drugs.

- Help others to resist corrupting pressures. You may hear that team-mates or other people you know are being tempted to cheat in some way. Give them the strength to resist. Remind them of their commitment to their team-mates and to the game itself. Form a block of solidarity, like a solid defence on the field of play.
- Co-operate with your team-mates, opponents and referees. Without them there would be no competition. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected.
- 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.
- Denounce those who attempt to discredit our sport. Don't be ashamed to show up anybody who you are sure is trying to make others cheat. It's better to expose them and have them removed before they can do any damage. It often takes more courage to denounce what is wrong, than to go along with a dishonest plan.
- Honour those who defend football's good reputation. The good name of football has survived because the vast majority of people who love the game are honest and fair. Sometimes somebody does something exceptional that deserves our special recognition. They should be honoured and their fine example made public. This encourages others to act in the same way.
- Ensure that all players have the opportunity to participate in all games including finals

By signing hereunder, I agree that my team and I will abide by the conditions as outlined in the above Code of Conduct and understand that I will be liable to be the subject of disciplinary action should I or any member of my team fail to do so.

Captain's Name _____ **Signature** _____

Team _____ **Date** _____