



# Code of Conduct **MARS**

Marden Sporting Complex

## 1. General Code of Conduct

As a player/coach/spectator/official in or at a Recrosport program, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex.

1.1 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

1.2 Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.

1.3 Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.

1.4 Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex standards, rules, regulations and policies.

1.5 Operate within the rules of the sport you are associated with, including national and international guidelines which govern the sport, except where a Centre by-law over rules.

1.6 Refrain from any form of harassment of others.

1.7 Players, coaches, spectators and other officials must not attempt to influence or call into question the decisions or abilities of match officials at any time.

1.8 Refrain from any behaviour that may bring 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All / MARS Sporting Complex, a participating team or associated organisations into disrepute or that is detrimental to the image of the program (unsportsmanlike, abusive, violent, etc).

1.9 No balls are to be used for practice near or around courts upon which a match is in progress or in the foyer and corridor areas.

1.10 Smoking, vaping, alcohol or illicit drugs are not permitted inside the property boundaries of any stadium situated on school grounds.

1.11 No animals, with the exception of registered guide/hearing dogs, are permitted inside any stadium.

1.12 No bikes, skateboards, roller shoes etc are permitted inside any stadium.

1.13 Centre Management maintains the right to insist upon the immediate ceasing of photographic activities and the deletion of images.

1.14 Any player, official or other person responsible for causing damage to any stadium shall be required to pay the cost of repair or a charge towards such costs as determined by Centre Management.

1.15 Persons concerned about officials/opposition players/spectators etc. should raise their concerns with Centre Management staff immediately. In the event of significant disputes/complaints, the pertinent matters should be stated in writing and delivered to the Centre Manager within 48 hours of the match or incident

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concerned.

1.16 Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour (see section 7).

## **2. Coach Code of Conduct**

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct as a Coach during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex and in your role as a coach appointed by your team, school or club:

2.1 Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.

2.2 Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity with people under 18 years of age.

2.3 Ensure your words and actions contribute to a safe and harassment-free environment.

2.4 Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.

2.5 Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.

2.6 Accept and respect the role of officials.

Coaches involved in Senior competitions who are unsure about calls should ask their team captain to approach the official in a respectful manner at the next break in play. On a Senior game, if a Junior Official (under 18 year old) is on the game under no circumstances are they to be approached please ask their team captain to direct any questions/comments to Centre Management Staff.

Coaches involved in Junior competitions must direct any questions/comments to Centre Management staff and under no circumstances are they to approach the official.

2.7 Know and abide by all rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.

## **3. Player Code of Conduct**

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct as a player during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex

3.1 Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.

3.2 Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper, sportsmanship and punctuality.

3.3 Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals

through the formal process and respecting the final decision.

Players in Senior competitions who are unsure about calls should ask their captain to approach the official in a respectful manner at the next break in play. On a Senior game, if a Junior Official (under 18 year old) is on the game under no circumstances are they to be approached please ask their captain to direct any questions or comments to Centre Management Staff.

Players in Junior competitions must direct any questions/comments to Centre Management staff and under no circumstances are they to approach the official.

#### **4. Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

In addition to General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct as a parent/guardian of a player/participant during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex :

4.1 Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Instead, focus on the child's effort and participation.

4.2 Show appreciation for good performance and skillful plays by all players (including opposing players).

4.3 Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Parents involved in Senior competitions who are unsure about calls should ask the team captain to approach the official in a respectful manner at the next break in play. On a Senior game, if a Junior Official (under 18 year old) is on the game under no circumstances are they to be approached please ask their team captain to direct any questions/comments to Centre Management Staff.

Parents involved in Junior competitions must direct any questions/comments to Centre Management staff and under no circumstances are they to approach the official.

4.4 Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire etc.).

#### **5. Spectator Code of Conduct**

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct as a spectator during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex:

5.1 Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.

5.2 Never ridicule or harass a player for making a mistake.

5.3 Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.

5.4 Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.

5.5 Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators).

## **6. Official Code of Conduct**

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and in your role as an official appointed by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All and/or MARS Sporting Complex.:

6.1 Place the safety and welfare of the players/participants above all else, whilst acknowledging the right of the player/coach to make their own decisions and to participate at their own risk.

6.2 Be consistent and impartial.

6.3 Be courteous and respectful.

6.4 Senior officials, at their own discretion, should be open to respectful and appropriate discussion and interaction with players/coaches. Junior officials must not engage in any discussion with players, coaches or spectators and should seek assistance from Centre Management staff if approached.

6.5 Do not tolerate any unsportsmanlike behaviour from any person associated with your game and promote respect for all people.

## **7. Penalties for Breaching this Code of Conduct**

If a player/coach/spectator/parent/guardian acts in a manner that breaches this Code of Conduct, the following penalties apply:

Match Officials and 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All / MARS Sporting Complex Management staff have the authority to remove any player/coach/spectator/parent/guardian from the courts and/or the building. A player/coach/spectator/parent/guardian can be suspended from the competition and/or stadium for a period of time as deemed appropriate by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All / MARS Sporting Complex Management.

Penalties for breaches occurring after the final siren of the match in which the offender is involved may be more severe than penalties applied for breaches during the match.

*This code of conduct is adapted from "The Essence of Australian Sport" code of behaviour authorised by the Australian Sports Commission on their website :*

*[http://www.ausport.gov.au/about/essence\\_of\\_sport](http://www.ausport.gov.au/about/essence_of_sport)*

*and is open to amendment by 'Life. Be in it.' Sport for All / MARS Sporting Complex Management staff at any time, without prior notice.*