



**KINGBOROUGH TIGERS SPORTING CLUB
JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIVISION**

CODE OF CONDUCT & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

All players, parents, spectators, coaches, team officials, volunteers and any other persons involved with the Kingborough Tigers Junior Football Club (KTJFC) are expected to abide by the Club's Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy. The information herein is drawn from both local STJFL and national AFL Policies.

By registering to play with the KTJFC and/or through volunteering and attending games, you declare that you have read and understood, and agree to be bound by, the Code of Conduct & Social Media Policy as set out below.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

All players agree to the following principles:

- I will play by the rules of my club and the laws of the game;
- I will work hard for myself and my team;
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators;
- I will never argue with or dispute a decision of an umpire or other official. If I disagree with a decision I will talk to my Coach;
- I will control my emotions. I will not engage in verbal abuse of officials, sledging players and/or coaches or behaviour that distracts or provokes an opponent;
- I will never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- I will cooperate with my coach, my teammates and umpires;
- I will contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture. I will treat everyone fairly and with respect, regardless of their gender, race, religion or ability;
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by thanking the opposition and officials at the end of the game;
- I will take responsibility for my actions;
- I will adhere to the KTJFC Social Media Policy.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, TEAM OFFICIALS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents, spectators, volunteers, team officials and other non-playing persons agree to the following principles:

- Remember the focus is for players to enjoy the game;
- Encourage participation, but do not force it;
- Teach and model that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules of the game;
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Lead by example and show respect to all players, coaches, umpires and other spectators. Physical and/or verbal abuse is unacceptable and will not be tolerated;
- Respect the umpire's decisions and teach your child to do likewise;
- Never publicly criticise umpires, coaches, volunteers or team officials. Please raise any concerns through Club officials or Committee members;
- Promote a safe playing environment and respectful culture. Respect all participants regardless of their gender, race, religion, or ability;
- Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, coaches and other volunteers.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

When using social media, **do**:

- Recognise you are accountable for your actions online;
- Ensure that content and/or comments about individuals, teammates, coaches and the KTJFC are positive and constructive;
- Protect and respect both your own and others' privacy. Seek permission before mentioning others in a post, both through text and/or images;
- Be honest. Ensure the content you publish is factually accurate and not misleading;
- Be polite and respectful to all people you interact with.

When using social media, **do not**:

- Criticise, bully, intimidate, abuse, harass or threaten **anyone**, including teammates, coaches, officials, spectators, or opposition players or teams;
- Post material or link to content that is offensive, obscene, disparaging, defamatory, discriminatory, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate;
- Post anonymously or use false screen names;
- Make negative or defamatory comments about the AFL, STJFL and/or KTJFC.

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REPORTING & RESPONDING TO AN INCIDENT

All players, parents, coaches, team officials and spectators have a responsibility to report a breach of the KTJFC Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy to a Committee member as soon as possible. The contact details for all Committee members are available on KTJFC website.

The KTJFC Committee will take prompt action to review and resolve any incidents that are reported on a case-by-case basis.

For breaches of the Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy, the KTJFC will first attempt to work with a player, parent, spectator or official to address the breach through mediation and/or education. Each case will be assessed by the KTJFC based upon the severity of the breach, and/or if the rights of teammates, coaches, officials, spectators, or opposition players or teams are compromised. Disciplinary action will be at the Club's discretion and may result in a player, parent, spectator or official being suspended or banned for repeated or serious breaches.