



MLSC Code of Conduct

Policy Purpose and Scope

As a member of the Mordialloc Life Saving Club (MLSC) there are certain expectations that all members of our club must be aware of, and practice at all times.

The fundamental reason our club exists is for the enjoyment of it by its members and, with this in mind, the following Code of Conduct has been established to ensure everybody enjoys a safe, friendly and inclusive environment.

Policy Description

Parents, or guardians of members under the age of 18 years of age, are responsible for ensuring their child is aware of these expectations and it is up to them to ensure their child behaves in the required manner when participating in club activities.

Members who are found to have behaved in a manner that is contrary to these expectations may be subjected to disciplinary action and, as a result of such action, may be unable to continue as a member of the club, or be unable to participate in any, or all, activities with the club.

Members are encouraged to report any incidents that breach the Code of Conduct as soon as they occur so that they can be investigated and any required actions taken.

Responsibilities

Member's Code of Conduct

- Treat others as you would want them to treat you;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others;
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions;
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, Life Saving Victoria's standards, rules, regulations and policies.

Parents, Caregivers and Spectators' Code of Conduct

- As a volunteer led club, parents and Caregivers have a responsibility to actively participate in training, assist at competitions your child(ren) participate in and wherever possible support club events;
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment and development - encourage children to participate, do not force them;
- Focus on the child's efforts;
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child;

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- Appreciate good performances by all participants;
- Respect officials' decisions;
- Show appreciation for coaches, age managers, officials and administrators;
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form – regardless of whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or members;
- Support all policies and practices including responsible alcohol and drug use and support child safe strategies;
- Ensure you are aware and follow the correct processes if you have an issue or complaint.

Participant's Code of Conduct

Please take the time to discuss this code of conduct with your child:

- Play by the rules;
- Do not argue with an official;
- Control your temper;
- Work hard for yourself and your club;
- Treat all participants as you would like to be treated;
- Cooperate with your coach, Age Group Manager, teammates and opponents;
- Participate for your own enjoyment;
- Respect the rights and dignity of all other participants;
- Respect the equipment you use;
- Respect the club house;
- Be a good sport and applaud all good performances;
- Speak to your parent(s)/ guardian if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.

Related Documents

MLSC abide by policies set by both SLSA and LSV – these relate to member protection and management of complaints and grievances. A link to LSV policies can be found here : <https://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/club-policies/>

MLSC Officials Code of Conduct

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