



Gladesville Ryde Magic Football Club

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Our Commitment

Our Club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by Members, their families, their friends and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- Using bad language
- Harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance
- Drinking alcoholic beverages at a game or training or being drunk at a Club event.

What we will do

- Provide members, their parents and other sporting personnel with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance
- Where possible, inform and bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to grounds and facilities and by requiring parents to abide by Club rules (parent associate members are required to acknowledge our Code of Behaviour)
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through other Club communication
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete and maintain accreditations and training to develop their skills and confidence
- Ban bringing alcohol to training, games or no-alcohol Club events
- Consult with our local authorities and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate spectator behaviour prior, at or after a game. We will always appoint a ground official to monitor behaviour
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviour as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions are deemed necessary



- Encourage our Members and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about their safety or the safety of others

What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for Players, Officials and other spectators by showing respect for Players, Officials and other spectators
- Abide by our Club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present, ask for their assistance
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to a Club official or someone in a position of authority
- Call the police or a Club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our Club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

Acceptance

By continuing to be involved with our Club you agree that you have read and understood this policy. Furthermore, you agree to abide by this policy and will execute the following acknowledgement if requested.

I, _____ [INSERT NAME] have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a Member of Gladesville Ryde Magic Football Club

Signature:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years of age):

Date: