



## **EDGE HILL UNITED FOOTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1. Application**

- a) This Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, managers, club officials, members, volunteers, parents and spectators of the Edge Hill United Football Club (EHUFC).
- b) The Code of Conduct is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable for everyone.
- c) When representing EHUFC in any capacity (e.g. player, coach, parent, spectator, official) your behaviour is expected to be exemplary at all times. This includes in written communication including social media.
- d) Players, coaches, managers, club officials, members, volunteers, parents give EHUFC the right to deal with any breaches of the Codes of Conduct that is brought to their attention.
- e) Penalties for breaches of the Codes of Conduct are at the discretion of EHUFC and may include suspension for games/training and in the event of serious or repeated breaches, expulsion from the club.

### **2. General Code of Conduct**

The following apply to everyone regardless of what capacity they are involved with EHUFC. Everyone must:

- a) Be of good behaviour.
- b) Not break the law.
- c) Respect all people regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- d) Never engage in offensive behaviour, including using bad or insulting language towards others or conduct that is racially, sexually or culturally (including religion) offensive.
- e) Never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward anyone.
- f) Not bring the game, governing bodies, the League or the Club into disrepute.



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

Each Player must:

- a) Play by the rules. This includes the laws of the game and the rules of the competition.
- b) Comply with Football Australia's National Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- c) Respect the referees, opponents, teammates, coaches, and Club officials.
- d) Never argue with a referee or match official.
- e) Control their emotions and not engage in verbal abuse or swearing.
- f) Never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward anyone.
- g) Refrain from unsportsmanlike behaviour or play.
- h) Cooperate with their Coach, manager, teammates and other members of the Club.
- i) Play the game for enjoyment.
- j) Not bring the game, governing bodies, the League or the Club into disrepute.
- k) Respect all people regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- l) Never post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, referees, officials, governing bodies or the league.
- m) Never use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability. Bullying and Harassment will NOT be tolerated in any form.
- n) Be responsible for their actions.

### **4. Coach and Officials Code of Conduct**

Each Coach, Manager and Official must:

- a) Remember that players play for the enjoyment and winning isn't everything.
- b) Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in football.
- c) Comply with the FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics.



- d) Ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience.
- e) Never use bad language nor harass players, referees, spectators or coaches.
- f) Never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward anyone.
- g) Not publicly criticise referees. Raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
- h) Keep abreast of the best practice coaching methods and the laws of the game.
- i) Encourage fair play and respect for the opposition, referees, match officials, coaches, administrators, volunteers, parents and spectators.
- j) Refrain from unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- k) Respect all people regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- l) Never use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability. Bullying and Harassment will NOT be tolerated in any form.
- m) Never post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, referees, officials, governing bodies or the league.
- n) Be responsible for their actions.

## **5. Parent and Supporter Code of Conduct**

Each Parent and Supporter must:

- a) Comply with Football Australia's Spectator Code of Behaviour.
- b) Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- c) Give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- d) Never use bad language or harass players, referees, coaches or other spectators.
- e) Not publicly criticise referees. Raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
- f) Encourage my child to play by the rules – I will learn the laws of the game.
- g) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.



- h) Encourage fair play and respect for the opposition.
- i) Never enter the field of play in any match unless granted permission by an official to do so.
- j) Help when asked by a coach and respect all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- k) Respect all people regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- l) Never use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability. Bullying and Harassment will NOT be tolerated in any form.
- m) Never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward anyone.
- n) Never post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, referees, officials, governing bodies or the league.
- o) Be responsible for their actions.