



Rupertswood Football Club Inc.

Senior & Under 18 Player – Code of Conduct

Mission Statement:

Respect First, Success to Follow.

Club Overview and Guiding Principles to Code:

Rupertswood is an amateur football club that is community based and member driven. As such, the behaviour of one player reflects on the club and every member within the club. Any breach of the code is a breach of club loyalty and respect. Players are to be aware that the club exists within a wider community, and that their behaviour determines the respect in which the club is held by that wider community.

As a senior playing member of Rupertswood Football Club it is expected that you will;-

- Play football exclusively for Rupertswood Football Club to the best of your ability.
- Do everything reasonably necessary to obtain and maintain the best possible physical condition, so to render the most effective service to the club.
- Attend all training sessions and match day preparations as directed by the Match Committee.
- Attend all compulsory social functions.
- Attend team selection which will generally be Thursday night following training unless otherwise advised.
- Promote the Club at Junior level by attending at least one Junior game and actively help with at least one Junior training session during the season.
- Ensure that all membership and any other outstanding monies are paid in full by the required due dates.
- Behave in a socially appropriate and acceptable manner while representing the Club in any capacity, or while attending any function or event that is sanctioned by the Club.
- Not engage in any activity which may bring the reputation of Rupertswood Football Club into disrepute.

Failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action being imposed by the Match Committee and / or Club Committee at the discretion of the relevant committee. The Club Committee may over ride the Match Committee on any disciplinary action and the Club Committee decision will be final, subject to right of appeal under the terms of the Club Constitution.

Match Preparation:

Training

- Ring or text coach by if not attending training, by 5.00pm of that training night.
- Training starts at 6.00pm sharp.
- Training jumpers to be worn every training night by all players.
- Enjoy training, become involved and engaged.
- Players not to sit in rooms for more than 10 min before training.
- Player laziness is not acceptable (e.g., not running to drills).
- Respect your coaches and your peers.
- Respect the person taking the drills (no talking, interrupting etc).
- Talk, always support your team mates.
- Selection criteria will include training participation and commitment levels.

Game Day

- All players to arrive at ground at least 75 minutes prior to scheduled start time.
- All players to arrive to games in Rupertswood FC shirt or jacket.
 - Code Breach – Start on Bench.
- All players to commence preparation when directed by coach.
- Senior team meeting to commence at 1.00pm.
 - Code breach – Sweeping rooms after game, canteen duties, omission from side on that day.
- By 1:25PM on game day, focus is to be on football matters.

Social Codes:

- No vandalism of any kind (i.e., any item of property at club or club function)
- No nudity below the belt
- Drinking outside designated areas and times will not be tolerated
- Use of illicit drugs will not be tolerated
- All people to abide by responsible serving of alcohol
- If you are judged to be too drunk by a senior player, a coach, or a committee member, you will be asked to refrain from further alcohol intake
- Any form of physical violence is unacceptable
- No bullying or consistent harassing of any player
- Players to be aware of their behaviour (e.g., swearing) when “sensitive others” are present (e.g., parents, junior players)
- All players must be prepared to reinforce discipline regardless of seniority
- Coaches always have final word.

Range of Possible Actions Taken in Response to Breaches:

- Community time at the club (e.g., work canteen, attend and help with junior training, boundary umpire)
- Public apology to playing group.
- Bans from club functions.
- Player suspensions (1,2,3,4 weeks – depending on offence).
- Termination of club membership and clearance paper given (for severe breaches or multiple offenders).

NOTE:

- These are non-negotiable and to be enforced at discretion of leadership group, committee, or coaching team.
- All these rules apply when you are at the club, at club functions, or representing the club in some way (footy trip included).
- These possible actions also apply to incidents occurring outside the club that may bring the club into disrepute.