

Coaches Disclaimer from Registration.

Upon completion of registration, the Coach (or if the coach is under 18 years of age at the time of completing registration, the Player's parent or legal guardian) agree/s:

The Coach is a Member of the Club with which he/she is registered; and in addition to compliance with those Laws, Statutes, Regulations, Constitutions and other matters set out in PlayFootballClub terms and conditions, the Coach agrees to be bound by and observe the Club's policies, guidelines and Codes of Conduct as set out below for the period the Player is a member or registered participant of the club.

Geelong Rangers Soccer Club reserves the right to amend or change any of these terms and conditions, guidelines, policies or codes of conduct at any time without notice and encourages you to periodically review these guidelines to ensure you or your child are in compliance. These can be accessed from the Geelong Rangers website.

FV Code of Conduct:

Geelong Rangers Soccer Club supports the FV codes of conduct and all parents, players, coaches, spectators and officials must agree to be bound by these. A copy of these can be viewed on the FV website - [Football Victoria Website](#)

Geelong Rangers Coaches Code of Conduct:

In addition to FV General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Geelong Rangers Soccer Club, a member association or an affiliated club and in your role as a coach appointed by Geelong Rangers, a member association or an affiliated club:

- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- Ensure that the tasks and/or training set are suitable for age, experience, ability, and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.

- Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
- Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.

Players Code of Conduct:

Any breach of this code may be subject to immediate disciplinary action by authorized Football Victoria Inc. (FV) personnel and / or pursuant to FV constitution, regulations, policies and by-laws including the Grievance, Disciplinary and Tribunal (GDT) By-Law. Sanctions include suspension or exclusion from the club.

- I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field
- I will refrain from arguing with the coach / team leader / referee and/or assistant referees regarding decisions they make
- I will treat participants, officials and spectators with respect
- I will play by the laws of the game
- I will cooperate with my coach, team mates, referees and officials
- I will display good sportsmanship at all times
- I will treat all players as I would like to be treated. I will not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- I will maintain focus and work hard for myself and the team

Geelong Rangers Soccer Club Parental Compliance:

- Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, and not yours
- Encourage children to participate, but do not force them
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing)
- Parents do not enter the playing pitch at training or during matches, including the half time break.
- Parents do not interfere with the coach or coach's instructions during matches or training sessions.
- Parents do not coach any child from side lines during the match.
- Parents do not talk disparagingly about coaches, officials, especially in front of children.
- Any fines incurred by parents from the FV must be paid by the parent and will not under any circumstance be paid by the Club.
- Any fines incurred from the FV for yellow or red cards are to be paid by the parents.
- Fee for tribunal appeals for a red card offence is to be paid by the parents.
- I agree to abide by the Geelong Rangers Soccer Club terms and conditions.

Children Under 9:

Parents of children under 9 must remain for duration of training sessions or arrange for an alternative care giver (not the coach) to supervise them. This may be also required for older children at the discretion of the coach and team manager.

Child Safety Policy

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote child safety within all Club environments. Any person who is associated with Geelong Rangers must abide by this code of conduct.

- Any form of abusive, derogatory, discriminatory, offensive or intimidating behaviour or language by adults towards minors, or minors towards other minors, is not acceptable.
- Any action that may be hurtful or risk being interpreted by a reasonable observer as grooming behaviour is unacceptable.
- Comments or actions that are negatively and unreasonably critical of a person's culture, ethnicity, language, gender identity, disability, sexuality or age, are unacceptable.
- Committee members, volunteers, employees, coaches, managers, players and parents/guardians of players at the Club are bound by, and required to abide to, this Code. Geelong Rangers FC fully endorse the FV Child Safety Guidelines - [FV - Child Safety in Football guidelines](#)

Any breach of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action by Geelong Rangers Soccer Club

Social Media Policy:

This policy applies to anyone associated with Geelong Rangers Soccer Club and includes, but is not limited to, players, coaches, officials, staff, members and volunteers. This policy covers all forms of electronic communications and social media. Social Media and electronic communication platforms can be used provided that such communications are courteous, respectful and factual.

- Be mindful of the following when using Social Media in relation to Geelong Rangers Soccer Club:
 - Ensure communications are not abusive, offensive, inappropriate or illegal
 - Ensure communications are not intended to intimidate, humiliate or bully someone
 - Ensure you do not disclose another individuals personal information
 - Ensure you do not disclose confidential or complete information

Any breach of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action by Geelong Rangers Soccer Club

Medical Policy / Details:

Geelong Rangers Soccer Club, Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials are not expected or trained to deal with medical situations. It is the parents' responsibility to provide any relevant medical, dietary or care issue information about their child to the coach and/or team manager. If children require speciality care during training, parents must stay to supervise their child.

Asthma

If your child is asthmatic you must advise the coach and team manager. The child must carry the relevant puffer and know their action plan. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure the supervising adult is aware the child is asthmatic if the team manager or coach is not available.

Allergies

If your child has life threatening allergies you must advise the coach and team manager. They must carry an EpiPen and know how to self-administer otherwise the parent or guardian must remain at training if there is a possibility of contact with the allergen. It is the parents'

responsibility to make sure the supervising adult is aware the child is allergic if the team manager or coach is not available.

Injuries

Parents/players must inform the coach of training requirements if a child has been injured or requires a light session.

Medical Consent Approval:

Where I am unable to be contacted or it is otherwise impracticable for me to be contacted, I authorize the adult in charge (i.e. coach, team manager, club official) to:

- Consent to my child receiving dental, medical or surgical assistance as recommended by a medical practitioner in the event of any illness or accident.
- Administer or consent to such first aid as the adult in charge may consider to be reasonably necessary in the event of any illness or accident.

I accept all risks involved in the administration of medical, dental, surgical or first aid treatment considered necessary and the responsibility for payment of all expenses incurred in relation to such treatment and any emergency transportation required.