



Baptist Football  
Queensland

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### **Baptist Football Queensland Players Code of Conduct**

- At all times play with an attitude that upholds the aims and objectives of BFQ. Think of BFQ's and football's interests before your own. Encourage your team to play fairly at all times. Help others on the park to have as much enjoyment from the game as you do.
- Play for the fun of it. Never set out to lose. If you do, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself.
- Play Fair. Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair play also has its reward, even when the game is lost.
- Observe the Laws of the Game. All games need rules to guide them. Without rules there would be chaos. The rules governing our game are simple and easy to learn. Make an effort to learn them, so you understand the game better. By sticking to the rules you will enjoy your game more.
- Respect Opponents, Team mates, Referees, Officials and Spectators. Fair Play means respect. Without opponents there can be no game. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected. Your team mates are your colleagues. You form a team in which all members are equal. Referees are there to maintain discipline and fair play. Always accept their decisions without arguing, and help them to help you enjoy your game more.
- Accept defeat with dignity. Nobody wins all the time. You will win some and you will lose some matches. Learn to lose graciously. Don't seek excuses for defeat. Genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Don't blame the referee or anyone else. Determine to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted at BFQ sanctioned games.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
- Reject Corruption, Drugs, Racism and Violence. Watch out and report to officials any evidence of these things on and off the park at our games. Treat all players and everyone else equally, regardless of their skin colour, religious beliefs or origin.
- Honour those who defend and uphold the aims and objectives of BFQ. The good name of football and BFQ has survived because the vast majority of people who support and play in our competition are honest and fair. Sometimes somebody does something exceptional that deserves our special recognition. They should be honoured and their fine example made public. This encourages others to act in the same way. Help promote the association by publicising its good deeds.

***I agree to abide by the Baptist Football Queensland players code of conduct whilst representing the association at events sanctioned by the BFQ Executive.***

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Players Name

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Players Signature

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