



## Participation Policies

### **Our Philosophy**

The Fulham United Football Club understands that children participate in soccer to have fun. We never forget that the game of soccer is not about how many wins and losses are accumulated. It is about participating and contributing to the enjoyment of the game and at the same time learning and developing soccer and life skills. Proper soccer development requires that children play age-appropriate activities so that they can experience, comprehend and execute the game as it relates to their own stage of physical and mental development.

### **Playing Policy**

#### U6-U11 Age Groups

Every player is to play equal game time, averaged out over the season, subject to the players full attendance at training and the club's disciplinary rules. Game selection priority will be given to players that have the greater training attendance in the week leading up to the game. Players that fail to attend training without reason may be declined selection for games.

#### U12-U17 Age Groups

There will be no minimum playing time requirement. Team selection will be based on training attendance. Game selection priority will be given to players that have the greater training attendance in the week leading up to the game. Players that fail to attend training without reason may be declined selection for games.

### **Players Code of Conduct**

Players will:

- Arrive for training and matches on time and be prepared as directed.
- Have their shirt tucked in at the beginning of training sessions and games.
- At all times be respectful of their coach, their team mates, the opposition and the referee.
- Never dispute the referee's decision.
- Play according to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Comply with the requirements of the [Football SA Junior Players Code of Conduct](#)

### **Coaches Code of Conduct**

Coaches will:

- Lead by example.
- Develop children as soccer players.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the children in their care.
- Use positive reinforcement.
- Never use abusive language or abuse a player mentally or physically.
- Encourage players to think for themselves and have the confidence to make decisions.
- Reassure players that making mistakes is part of their development.



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### **Parents Code of Conduct**

Parents will:

- Be their child's best fan and support them unconditionally.
- Behave in a civilised and respectful way when representing the club, especially during matches.
- Ensure their child is supervised at all times during training and match days.
- Deliver any comment to a player during a match in a calm and positive way.
- At no time attempt to take on the duties of the coach.
- At no time chastise a player for failing an attempted action.
- Not approach the coach on game day but instead save any comments or feedback for training nights later in the week.
- Notify the team manager if their child is unable to attend training or matches.
- Encourage their child to consider themselves equals amongst the team.
- Support their child if they fail and help them understand that with failure comes improvement.
- Support the Club and the team by actively assisting in the various roles required during match day (e.g. assistant referee duties, canteen/barbecue duties)
- Comply with the requirements of the [Football SA Parents Code of Conduct](#) and the [FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour](#)

Parents found to be guilty of breaches of behaviour codes resulting in fine being delivered by Football SA to Fulham United Football Club will take full responsibility for the payment of that fine.

### **Bullying Prevention Expectations**

Players selected for U13-U17 teams are required to attend the prescribed Child Protection presentation Prior to commencement of season.

Players, Parents and Carers are to make themselves aware of the anti-bullying expectations documents:

[How to Stop Bullying in Youth Sports](#)

[What Can I do if I am Being Bullied](#)

### **Contact Details**

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