



# **Bunbury & Districts Softball Association Inc**

Teeball ● Junior Softball ● Senior Softball

## **BUNBURY & DISTRICTS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)**

### **SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR**

**It is a condition of entry that all Parents and Spectators visiting the Softball Complex abide by this code of behaviour. Failure to do so may result in the offender or offenders being ejected or banned from the complex.**

#### **Our commitment**

Our Association is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using bad language
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance
- drinking at a game outside the licensed area or being drunk at a club event.

#### **What we will do**

- Provide members, Clubs, parents and other sporting personnel with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to grounds and facilities and by requiring parents to abide by Association rules

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- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website and through other club communications.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol to a game or no-alcohol club event.
- Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at or after a game.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g. Board members & Umpires to monitor spectator behaviour)
- Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

## What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our Association's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or Board member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the Association's president or any Board member
- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

## Non-Compliance

It is a condition of entry that all Parents and Spectators visiting the Softball Complex abide by this code of behaviour. Failure to do so may result in the offender or offenders being ejected or banned from the complex.

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our Association's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

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