



Parents Code of Conduct 'For the Good of the Game'

This code of conduct shall apply to all BES parents, guardians and supporters. Any severe breach shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Ballarat Eureka Strikers Technical Department and the FFV Tribunal.

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance & personal achievements rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Be positive in your own support.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show respect & appreciation of coaches, officials, administrators & volunteers.
10. Commit to the travelling that is involved for the games and training. Training sessions, and/or matches are considered compulsory for all squad members. Any inability to attend must be communicated personally via TeamApp. Failure to do so may jeopardise selection.
11. Refrain from coaching the players. The coaches have been selected to perform this role. It is critical that the players think for themselves and learn experiences.
12. Players are required to arrive at games in the Eureka Strikers pre match uniform.
13. Eureka Strikers fully support the FFV approach to Zero Tolerance for inappropriate and 'unsportsmanlike' conduct. With this objective in mind, Eureka Strikers require that all fines, penalties and costs are to be paid by the player (*if over 18*) or by the Parents/Guardians of a junior player should either party (*player or parents/guardians*) be the cause and are subsequently found guilty of such offences. If a penalty is incurred the player will be stood down from the squad until such time as the fines are paid in full.
14. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their ability, cultural background or religion.
15. Refrain from smoking or consuming alcohol near the team bench or sideline