



Ryde Saints Football Club

Code of Conduct

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Part 1: Club-Wide Founding Principles

Introduced by club founder Des Murphy in 1995

- Honesty with each other is of the highest importance.
- Players of all ability are made welcome at training.
- 100% effort is always expected on the field.
- All commitments should be made and kept wherever possible.
- Enthusiasm should influence team selection, with managers taking into account who is at training, and how they perform while there.
- Self-discipline in language and conduct should be maintained on and off the field.
- Ryde Saints should seek to be as professional as possible at all times, with full squads, linesmen and officials available, all persons on time, correct kit ready, and facilities that support play.



Part 2: Team Selection Principles

Introduced by first team manager Stuart Hopper in 2003

Squad selection is at the discretion of the Managers. Where two or more sides play within the same age category, if any player declines to play in the team he has been selected for, this renders him ineligible to play for any other team on the same day.



Part 3: Football Philosophy

Introduced by first team manager Andy Brown in 2014

All managers, coaches and players across the youth and adult sectors are expected to participate in, and promote, the clubs footballing philosophy, which encourages the following:

- 1 - Possession of the ball at all times.
- 2 - Positioning on the pitch to affect the game.
- 3 - Pressing opponents while out of possession.
- 4 - Positivity and respect at all times.
- 5 - Providing equal playing time for player development at youth level.
- 6 - Producing football pathways and structure for all players.



Part 4: Players Code of Conduct

Composed by Ryde Saints Club Welfare Officer Dave Sweet in 2021

All Ryde Saints players are respectfully reminded that the below is required when representing Ryde Saints Football Club:

- To adhere to the Laws of the game.
- To display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- To promote Fair Play.
- To always Respect the Match Officials decisions.
- To never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- To never ever engage in offensive, insulting, or abusive language.
- To never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment (please see the club's standalone anti-bullying policies).
- To remember everyone makes mistakes.
- To win or Lose with dignity.
- To shake hands with the opposing team and the Referee at the end of the game.



Part 5: Parents, Guardians or Supporters Code of Conduct

Composed by Ryde Saints Club Welfare Officer Dave Sweet in 2021

All Ryde Saints parents, guardians and supporters are respectfully reminded that the below is required when attending a Ryde Saints Football Club game:

- To applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- To always Respect the Match Officials decisions.
- To remain outside the field of play and in the designated spectator area.
- To allow the coach do their job and not confuse players by giving instructions
- To avoid criticising a player for making a mistake - this is part of learning.
- To encourage the players to respect the match officials and opposition.
- To never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Parents, guardians and supporters engaging in such behaviour may, as a consequence:

- Be issued with a verbal warning from a club official.
- Be required to meet with the club Welfare Officer.
- Be required to meet with the club committee.
- Be obliged to undertake an FA education course.
- Be obliged to leave the match venue by the club.
- Be requested by the club not to attend future games.
- Be requested to leave the club, along with any dependents.



Part 6: Club Referees and Assistants Code of Conduct

Updated by Ryde Saints Club Welfare Officer Dave Sweet in 2021

All Ryde Saints referees and assistants are at all times respectfully reminded that the below is required when participating in Ryde Saints Football Club activities:

- To be honest and completely impartial at all times.
- To apply the Laws of the Game fairly and consistently.
- To manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- To deal appropriately with all instances of violence, aggression, foul play and unsporting behaviour.
- To never tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language from players or Club Officials.
- To set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- To communicate effectively with the players and encourage fair play.
- To complete and submit accurate concise reports or other administration where required.



Part 7: Club Officials Code of Conduct

Updated by Ryde Saints Club Welfare Officer Dave Sweet in 2021

All Ryde Saints football managers, coaches and assistants are at all times respectfully reminded that the below is required when participating in Ryde Saints Football Club activities:

- To show respect to everyone involved in the game at all times.
- To respect and adhere to the rules and the spirit of the game.
- To encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- To always respect the referee and encourage players to do the same.
- To never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour.
- To be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others.
- To be gracious in victory and defeat.
- To respect the facilities of both home and away sides.
- To place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything.
- To never tolerate any form of bullying, and report it to the Ryde Saints Welfare Lead if any such behaviour is identified.
- To ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age.
- To work with others for each player's best interests.

All Ryde Saints Office Bearers, Directors and Committee Members are at all times required to commit to the following principles:

- To uphold the club's reputation at all times.
- To follow, support and uphold the club's Code of Conduct at all times.
- To recognise that the primary duty is to act in the best interests of Ryde Saints Football Club and to play a positive role in maintaining and developing club activities.