

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Somerville Football Netball Club is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, members, and spectators.

Aggressive, threatening, abusive, discriminatory, or inappropriate behaviour by spectators, members, families, friends, or other club representatives while attending a match, training session, or club event will not be tolerated.

All spectators are expected to:

- Act in a manner that reflects positively on the Somerville Football Netball Club, the Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League, and the broader sporting community.
- Treat all players, coaches, officials, umpires, volunteers, and spectators with respect.
- Accept decisions made by umpires and officials and not publicly criticise them. Any concerns should be raised privately with Club Officials through the appropriate channels.
- Not engage in physical or verbal intimidation, abuse, threats, harassment, or inappropriate conduct towards any player, official, umpire, coach, volunteer, or supporter.
- Condemn violence in any form and not engage in behaviour that encourages conflict or unsafe environments.
- Not make comments or gestures that are offensive, discriminatory, racist, sexist, or based on a person's religion, gender, ability, cultural background, or identity.
- Respect the facilities, grounds, and equipment of both Somerville Football Netball Club and opposing clubs.
- Support players in a positive manner and remember that spectators are role models for young participants.
- Not engage in bullying, harassment, or inappropriate behaviour through social media or any other online platform.
- Not post, share, or publish inappropriate, offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory comments about players, clubs, umpires, officials, leagues, or competitions.

Non-Compliance

Spectators who breach this Code of Conduct may be:

- Asked to leave the venue immediately.
- Subject to disciplinary action by the Somerville Football Netball Club and/or the Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League.
- Subject to suspension or removal of club membership or attendance privileges.

The Somerville Football Netball Club reserves the right to take appropriate action to protect the safety, wellbeing, and reputation of our club and sporting community.

