

## **St Pat's Football Club Code of Conduct**

### **Parents and Supporters**

Welcome to the St Pats Football Club for the 2009 soccer season. Like the players, the parents & supporters must get to know each other, so please at the first opportunity introduce yourself to others involved with the team.

It is normally inferred that the player is the one who has been selected to represent the Club. This is partially true, because with the player comes that support element known as "Family & Supporters"

Here are some guidelines for you:-

1. Like players, you too are in effect representing our club.
2. To the parents, please ensure the players arrive at both training and the game at least by the time the coach/manager nominate – preferably a bit earlier. If you are running late, notify them of your late arrival.
3. Players participate in the sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
4. Talk to the player encouragingly about his/her efforts and not about losing. No player participates in sport to "lose"
5. Never repeat, never ridicule or yell at the player for making a mistake or losing – especially out loud and in front of everyone. Like you, they do not like to be humiliated.
6. Encourage the player to play according to the rules of the game. Settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the activity.
8. Respect the referee's decision even if it is "anti" your team. Do not address yourself verbally or physically to him/her during or after the game.
9. Show appreciation for the volunteers in your team – the coach, the manager, the administrator because without them, players could not participate in their sport – week in and week out.
10. Respect all participants regardless of their gender, ability, culture or religion.
11. Parents are called upon to perform some important functions (canteen, ground set up, ground control) per the set roster. If one of your rostered days is unsuitable, please arrange a replacement for yourself with one of the other parents.