

College Corinthians AFC - Players Code of Conduct

As players are constantly in the glare of public attention and are widely recognised as the most important people in the sport, there is a considerable onus upon them to speak and act in a manner which promotes all that is good about the game and the club. As a player, I will:

- Make every honest effort to develop my sporting ability, to include fitness, skill, technique and tactical ability.
- Strive to set a positive example for younger players and supporters.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and where possible help injured opponents.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during each game.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time wasting.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language particularly to referees/officials and other players.
- Make every effort consistent with fair play and the laws of the game to help my team win.
- Abide by the laws, rules of the game and of any given competition, both in fact and in spirit.
- Accept victory and defeat with equanimity.
- Resist any temptation to consume or otherwise imbibe any banned substances.
- Treat opponents with respect at all times.
- Demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
- Accept the decisions of the match officials without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
- Abide by the lawful instructions and directions of mentors and team officials.
- Act towards the mentors and officials of the opposing side in a respectful manner.
- Demonstrate due regard for the interest of supporters.
- Not act or speak so as to incite or encourage supporters to act in a way that may endanger the safety of anyone attending or participating in the game.
- Not either directly or indirectly place a bet on the outcome of any game in which I am involved.
- Have regard to the best interests of the game when publicly expressing an opinion on the game or on others involved in the game.
- In making public comments on a particular fixture or on the game in general, I will be mindful of upholding and promoting the good name of the game and others involved in it in the wider community.

College Corinthians AFC - Club Social Media Policy

Use of Social Media:

Social Media is an excellent way to promote activities and showcase success of the club. It also helps the club communicate with its members and the general public. Members should use social media in a responsible, respectful and friendly manner. When using sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. members should not post negative comments about referees/judges/opponents/teammates/coaches or any other member of their own club or any other club. Cyber/online bullying is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated, and poor behavior online will be treated as a breach of the Code of Conduct in real time.

The risks

Risks associated with social media services include: cyberbullying, grooming and potential abuse by online predators, identity theft, and exposure to inappropriate content. The capabilities of social networking services may increase the risk for sexual exploitation of children and young people.

Easy rules to adhere to:

If someone has their own personal profile on a social media website, they should make sure that others cannot access any content, media, or information from that profile that:

- a) They are not happy for others to have access to.
- b) Which would undermine their position as sports coach/volunteer representing their organisation/club.

As a basic rule, if you are not happy with others seeing particular comments, media or information, then simply do not post these materials on a public forum site. When using social media sites the following should be considered:

- Change your privacy setting on the profile so that only people you have accepted as friends can see your comments. Individuals should lock down their page to non-friends.
- Review who is on your 'friends list' on your personal profile. In most situations, you should not accept 'friend's requests' if you do not actually know the person(s) concerned.
- Ensure personal blogs have clear disclaimers that the views expressed are personal and not representative of a particular club or sport.
- Ensure that information published on social media sites complies with the club/organisations Code of Conduct.
- Beware of how your actions could be captured via images, posts or comments online as these will reflect on the sport or your club.
- Respond to online bullying - what is said online should be treated as if said in real time.
- Those in authority should not have under 18's they coach as their friends and do not comment on individual players you are coaching through your personal page.

Principles

If you are representing the club in an official capacity, it is important that your posts convey the same positive spirit as the club ethos would instil in all of its communications. Be respectful of all individuals, races, religions and cultures. How you conduct yourself online not only reflects on you; it also reflects directly on the club.

Acceptance

I understand that if I do not follow the Code of conduct and adhere to the social media policy, action may be taken by my club, league or national association.