



NORTHERN FALCONS FOOTBALL CLUB

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT – 2026

This Code applies to all players, parents/guardians, coaches, team managers, committee members, volunteers and spectators associated with Northern Falcons Football Club.

1. Our Commitment

Northern Falcons Football Club exists to develop players, build character and create a positive football environment for our community.

We align with the standards and regulations of Football Victoria and are committed to providing a safe, respectful and development-focused environment for all participants.

Our behaviour reflects our club.

2. Core Standards

- Treat players, coaches, referees, opposition clubs and spectators with respect.
- Promote effort, development and enjoyment above results.
- Respect referee decisions at all times.
- Conduct themselves appropriately on and off the field.
- Represent the club positively in person and on social media.
- Follow Football Victoria rules and club policies.
- Support the club's development framework and coaching structure.

Zero Tolerance

- Abuse (verbal or physical) toward referees.
- Sideline abuse toward players.
- Abuse toward coaches or club officials.
- Discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Intimidation or threatening conduct.

- Public social media attacks directed at individuals or the club.

Breaches may result in removal from the venue and further disciplinary action.

3. Commitment to Child Safety

Northern Falcons Football Club is committed to providing a child-safe environment and complies with the Victorian Child Safe Standards. We have zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to acting in the best interests of children and young people at all times.

4. Match Day & Sideline Expectations

Game day is for players.

- Encourage all players — not only their own child.
- Allow coaches to coach.
- Refrain from giving tactical instructions from the sideline.
- Avoid confrontation with referees, opposition or other parents.
- Address concerns through the correct channels — not during or immediately after matches.

Junior Competition Match Day Structure

For all Junior Competitions, on match days (home and away), coaches and players will be positioned on one side of the pitch, with parents and spectators on the opposite side.

This supports clear communication, reduces sideline noise and allows players to express themselves within the team environment.

5. Coach & Official Standards

- Ensure the emotional and physical wellbeing of players takes priority over winning games.
- Provide a safe and inclusive learning environment.
- Model calm and respectful behaviour at all times.
- Adhere to the club curriculum and development philosophy.
- Communicate professionally with parents and players.
- Comply with safeguarding requirements, including Working With Children checks.
- Prioritise long-term player development over short-term results.

Coaches represent the standard of the club.

6. Grievance & Escalation Pathway

Northern Falcons is committed to structured and respectful communication.

1. Wait 24 hours after a match or incident.
2. Raise the matter directly with the team coach (where appropriate).
3. If unresolved, escalate to the Junior Coaching Coordinator.
4. If still unresolved, escalate to the Technical Director.
5. Formal written complaints may be reviewed by the Club Committee.
6. Matters involving serious misconduct may be referred to Football Victoria.

Sideline confrontations, public complaints or social media posts are not appropriate communication channels.

7. Breaches & Disciplinary Action

- Verbal warning.
- Written warning.
- Suspension from matches or training.
- Removal from club activities.
- Deregistration from the club.
- Referral to Football Victoria.

The club reserves the right to act in the best interests of player safety and club integrity.

Northern Falcons Culture

We are competitive.

We are passionate.

We are respectful.

Winning matters.

Development matters more.

We build players.

We build people.

And we protect our environment.

Acknowledgement

By registering with Northern Falcons Football Club, all players, parents/guardians, coaches and members agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

The Club reserves the right to amend or update this Code of Conduct from time to time. Any changes will be communicated via the Club website and/or email to the registered membership contact and will take effect from the date of publication.