



## **Mazenod Football Club – “Player Code of Conduct”**

It is vital that everyone involved in sporting activities, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport and can do so safely and without discrimination. All parents, coaches, team managers and match officials can expect players to adhere to the following code of conduct.

The following are the directives to players as provided within the code:

- Play by the rules and within the spirit of the game;
- Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport;
- Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team;
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, discriminate against or take unfair advantage of another player;
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
- Play for your own enjoyment and not just to please parents and coaches;
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you;
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time;
- Swearing at or attempting to intimidate coaches, team officials, match officials, other players, other parents or Club administrators is strictly prohibited;
- Respect club property belonging to Mazenod Football Club, visiting club or host club.

### **Red Card Offences**

All Red Card Fines are payable by the offending player. In the case of senior men’s players receiving a playing allowance the fine will be deducted from their playing allowance. For all other players the fine is payable by the player directly to the club via direct credit to the club’s bank account.

On the very rare occasion where a player has received a red card because of (for example) a game saving tackle, then this may be determined by the club as an acceptable red card offence and the club would cover this cost (in part or in full).

In these cases the club’s Football Director will have the sole discretion to approve whether the club will pay the fine based on the circumstances and any investigation he/she sees fit to conduct.

However, red card fines received for any of the following reasons are completely unacceptable and will be payable by the offending player:

- Dissent towards a match official or opposition player;
- Swearing on the pitch;
- A reckless, avoidable tackle;
- A rough tackle which is deemed outside the spirit of the game;
- Deliberate handball;
- Fighting or deliberately causing injury to another player; or
- 5 yellow cards accumulated by the player.

Mazenod Football Club has a zero-tolerance policy in relation to the behaviours listed. Any breach may result in expulsion from Mazenod Football Club and cancellation of registration with NO refund.