



Supporting your local  
community club

# **FAMILY AND PLAYER HANDBOOK 2017**



# CLUB HISTORY

Although there are numerous reports of sporadic soccer games in Castlemaine as far back as the early 1900s, the World Game in Central Victoria really kicked off in the 1950s. The building of Cairn Curran Reservoir saw an influx of European workers arriving in the region, where another type of football held sway.

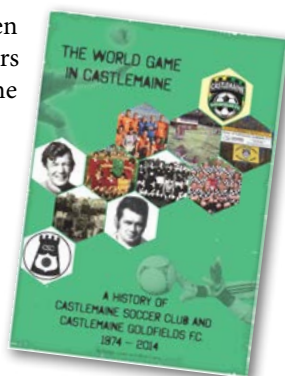
It was in this atmosphere that a small group of passionate 'soccer' players began the first Castlemaine Soccer Club in 1952 with an attempt to form the Central Victorian Soccer Association in 1954. Despite the high level of interest from neighbouring towns, this league faded and it was not until the early 1970s that the Central Victorian League idea was revisited.

The Bendigo Soccer League was formed in 1971 and Castlemaine joined in

1974. Castlemaine has continued its strong participation in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League for 40 years with numerous junior teams as well as senior men and women.

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club invites newcomers to actively participate in the local club and we have often welcomed overseas students, refugees and visitors into our teams.

We have also seen many of members move through the club and to play soccer at more elite levels.



Castlemaine Soccer Club 1st Team 1974

# PURPOSE

*We represent around 300 active players, who participate in weekly social, competitive, and training opportunities throughout the year.*



Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club is a not-for-profit community organisation which supports members from the Mt Alexander Shire, including Castlemaine, Chewton, Cambells Creek and surrounding districts.

Our club is registered in both Melbourne Metro League and the Bendigo League, giving us a broad spread of opposition and bringing people from all over the

state to our local grounds. From as close as Bendigo, Kyneton and Melbourne, and from as far as Moama and Warnambool.

As a club we are constantly looking for ways to accommodate our quickly expanding member base, and to provide diverse playing opportunities to meet their needs.





# SPORT BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY

*Sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities.*

Communities that participate in sport and recreation develop strong social bonds, are safer places and the people who live in them are generally healthier and happier than places where physical activity isn't a priority.

## Active kids are smarter.

Research proves that if your child is physically active they do better at school.

Physical activity enhances cognitive function improving memory, behaviour, concentration and academic achievement.

On the other hand inactivity negatively impacts brain health and executive control including:

- Maintaining focus,
- working memory,
- multi-tasking.

## Active kids are healthier.

Playing sport helps to:

- Bring people together, providing social interaction.
- Empower, inspire and motivate individuals
- Improve mental health.
- Create positive alternatives to youth offending, antisocial behaviour and crime.
- Develop life skills & leadership abilities.
- Provide a sense of belonging
- Foster community pride.
- Contribute to lifelong learning.
- Great opportunities for networking.
- Reduce obesity.
- Can help to prevent cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers.

ref: [www.dsr.wa.gov.au/about/benefits-to-the-community](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/about/benefits-to-the-community)



# 2017 AT C.G.F.C.

*Castlemaine Goldfields FC are looking to field more teams than ever before in its history.*

This coming year will see exciting times for the club. Currently experiencing strong growth in participation and registrations, the club are looking to field more teams than ever before in its history.

The club will be launching 2017 with a new playing strip across all teams, in collaboration with a global sporting brand, which will at last create a common identity throughout the age groups. This is the first step in creating a stronger club brand and setting the foundations for growth in the future.

To capitalise on the growth of the sport in the region the club has engaged in several programs including a renewed strategic



plan, deeper engagement with council and community and focused fundraising. This is coupled with giving local businesses and organisations the opportunity to get involved through regular events, sponsorship and social media.

## CLUB PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION

*Castlemaine Goldfields FC are a Community Soccer Club, focused on families, learning and enjoyment*

Currently the CGFC runs programs to accommodate a broad range of participants with different needs from across the Shire.

- Small-sided non-competitive skills and fun, for Under 9's. Mixed.
- Junior non-competitive for Under 10's. Mixed.
- Junior competitive for Under 12 - Under 16. Mixed.
- Competitive U18's.
- Senior competitive men and women.
- Social women and girls
- Social men 35+
- Masters.
- Junior indoor soccer and off-season training

# VOLUNTEERS

*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." ~Oscar Wilde*

Your contribution is important to us. The children, families and the greater Castlemaine community benefit enormously from your every small kind deed.

The truth is Castlemaine Goldfields FC would not exist without Volunteers.

Our committee, coaches, team managers, grounds and maintenance person, business manager and age group coordinators are all volunteers. They put in many hours every week and no one is paid.

These individuals are also parents, employees, people with the normal constraints and stresses that we all endure. Their motives vary from a deep passion for football, an interest in the development of individuals through team sport, to support their child's journey, contributing to our greater community, right through to self development and education.

## Parent or Guardian Participation

CGFC relies on participation. It is an expectation that every member, or their families, will be proactive and offer assistance whenever possible.

Parents or Guardians should expect to place their name into their teams roster, which will be provided at the beginning of the season, and managed by your team manager throughout the season.

This involvement will make a BIG difference to the way YOUR Soccer Club is run and managed, and will be greatly appreciate.



# *Contributing is a great way to thank the coaches and managers for investing in your child.*

## **Duties may include:**

### **Team Manager**

A Team Manager assists the coach to run and maintain a successful team, and manages the team roster. See next page for more detailed job description.

### **BBQ & Kiosk**

This involves assisting our Kiosk Manager on home games, or turning some sausages during select home games. The BBQ and kiosk raise important funds which assist the club to continue providing quality facilities, and helps keep your annual fees down.

### **Assistant Referee**

To run the lines and signal if a team has committed an offside offence. CGFC will provide information and education on this role. It's not as daunting as it might sound.

### **Home Game Preparation and Pack Up**

Helping with field set up and pack up duties before and after each home game. Including: set up or pack up of goals and nets, checking the field is safe, chairs and substitution area, marquee if required, first aid stretcher, corner flags, general tidy of club rooms, checking toilets are open. This will require arriving at the ground 45 minutes before the game.

### **Scoring**

Recording the player numbers, the goals scored and any offences.

### **Half Time Oranges**

Bring a container of cut orange for half time refreshment. The CGFC do not support lollies as a half time snack.

### **Car Pooling**

Parents or guardians can share driving to and from matches and provide positive support to their children's team. It is also a fantastic way to conserve valuable resources!

### **Game Marshal**

For home games the Marshal is the contact point for visiting teams, and accompanies referees to the field. The team manager will provide more information on this role, or check the CGFC website for details.

Everyone gets more out of the experience when the work is shared.

**If you have other skills you think may benefit the club then please contact one of the committee members. We would love to speak with you.**

Community spirit thrives at Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club. Join us in creating a special and safe sporting environment for your kids and families.

# Team Managers

*Team managers are integral to a successful team.*

Along side the committee, coaches, and coordinators, the Team Managers are some of the most important volunteers in our club.

A Team Manger assists the coach by performing all the administrative tasks required to run and maintain a successful team. A good Team Manager will allow a coach to concentrate on coaching the players, which in turn ensures each player receives optimum attention and gives every player a chance to perform to the best of their ability.

The parents should appoint a Team Manager for their team. If more than one parent is interested in the role the position may be shared.

Please see team manager job description for further details.

## **Duties:**

- Provides a contact point for team members.
- Ensures the coach is fully aware of a team member's availability.
- Compiles team lists and match (day/location/time),
- Ensures team box, first aid kit and medical records are at each game.
- Provides administrative support (supported by club committee).
- Rosters parents for their game duties.
- A Team Manager needs to be appointed for each team as soon as possible after registration day.
- Emphasis is on helping the club; therefore your input is essential!

## **Working with Children Check**

All coaches and any parent who will be working directly with the players are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. These are free for volunteers and instructions for applying can be found at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au).

Once obtained, please email your working with children details to the Junior Coordinator at [juniorcoordinator@castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au](mailto:juniorcoordinator@castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au)



## Communication

CGFC encourages managers and players to use the Smartphone team management app, **Team App**.

It'll keep you up-to-date with your team's news, events, schedules and much more. Its 100% FREE.

**Download Team App here** [teamapp.com/app](http://teamapp.com/app)

Launch Team App. Then:

1. Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
2. Log in. Then search for Castlemaine Goldfields FC and request access to group(s) that apply to you.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can sign yourself up here <https://www.teamapp.com/> and you will receive email notifications.

Contact your Age Group Coordinator if you need assistance.

Also check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CastlemaineGoldfieldsFC](http://www.facebook.com/CastlemaineGoldfieldsFC) and our website [castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au](http://castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au)

Rosters can be accessed online at Signup ZONE. Your Team manager will notify you when the rostering system is ready for you to sign in and will invite you to pro-actively select dates that suit you.

[signup.zone/castlemaine-goldfieldsfc](http://signup.zone/castlemaine-goldfieldsfc)

## Photography

We love to take photographs of our teams playing during the course of the season and we love to share them where appropriate. If you do not wish for photographs of yourself or your child to be used, please tick the appropriate permission box on the medical form and draw you managers attention to this.

Photographs and any recordings will only be used in appropriate club promotional material, including but not limited to facebook, web and local papers. Full names and details will not be supplied with photos unless prior permission has been obtained.

Under no circumstances are mobile phones or cameras permitted in change room areas, toilets or showers.



# TRAINING

Training times will be confirmed by coaches prior to the start of the season.

Regular attendance at training is fundamental in developing team unity and commitment. However, CGFC recognises that on occasion players will have problems attending training due to other commitments. If a player cannot attend due to illness, injury, or a school commitment, they must advise the Coach or Team Manager in advance.

If players do not attend training and do not notify the Coach or Team Manager on regular basis, they may find they are “benched” for part of the next match; this is entirely at the discretion of the Coach.

It is a requirement for all players to wear suitable sports attire for training. Soccer boots / runners (depending on surface) and shin guards are compulsory for all training sessions and games.

All players must be supervised by a parent/guardian or responsible adult at all times. Players should be picked up promptly at the cessation of both training and games. CGFC has child safe practices in place, which means if your child is waiting, two club representatives must wait with them. Those two club representatives also have families and chores to do when they get home, after wrangling a whole team of children.

Whilst we encourage the participation of parents, the training field is not the best time to interact with players and coaches. If you would like to assist with training, please speak to the individual coach to work out an option that suits both. Please be respectful of the coach's boundaries. Different teams and coaches have different needs and your teams coach will be aware of these.

Volunteer assistants must wear suitable sports footwear and attire.



If you have questions please speak to the team manager or wait until after the session is finished to speak with the coach.

We minimise distractions in this way to ensure a higher quality training session.

The Club is not responsible for:

- The security of players' belongings.
- Children left unattended by parents or carers

## **Wet/Dry weather policy**

Ground conditions will be assessed on a continuing basis and a decision made if grounds are suitable for training. If in doubt as to whether training has been cancelled due to inclement weather, players are to contact their own Team Manager.

The team manager or coach will contact all players via TeamApp as soon as a cancellation comes to light.

## **Team Selection**

In determining the number of teams to be registered, account is taken of the number of eligible and registered players in each age group, availability of coaches and grounds for training and match day.

We aim to try and accept all those who wish to play. If it is necessary to reduce squad sizes, a recommendation on players who are to be omitted shall be the responsibility of the appropriate age level Coordinator in conjunction with the Team Coach.

## **CGFC Boot & Kit Exchange**

You may have grown out of your boots this season, but there is always someone with smaller (and larger) feet than you.

Donations can be made by contacting Ed Evennett [ed2389@gmail.com](mailto:ed2389@gmail.com)

Please ensure all donations are clean and in suitable condition to be exchanged. Boots can also be placed on the boot rack in the breeze-way at the club rooms.

This is a not for profit program, all money raised will go towards buying vital equipment for the club.

Don't worry if you don't have any to swap. For as little as \$5 you can walk away with your next seasons boots.

# Game Day

Players are expected to arrive, a **minimum of 30 minutes prior** to the scheduled match start time, to allow for adequate warm-up and pre-match briefing. Please be aware that your coach may alter this time-frame.

Players from older teams are expected at the match site ONE hour before start.

All players should arrive at a game equipped with necessary sporting attire, which includes:

- Both HOME and AWAY strips.
- Soccer boots & Shin guards
- Warm jacket as a minimum, or a clothing change
- DRINK. At least one litre of water. *NOT caffeinated and/or soft drinks.*
- Uniform (CGFC supplied shirt, and advised green shorts and green socks)
- Towel

As some game venues are a considerable distance from Castlemaine it is a good idea to bring/send appropriate healthy snacks.

If a player is sick or unable to make the game it is important to let the Coach or Team Manager know as soon as possible. If you are running late please give a courtesy call or text, as it saves team anxiety, helps the coach plan and look professional.

## Coaches

Our club makes every attempt to have Coaches and Team Managers appointed in place prior to the commencement of season training.

CGFC participate in the FFV Club Coach Coordinator (CCC) program. The purpose of CCC is to create a coaching team environment where coaches support and mentor each other, and share resources.

The focus for our coaches is on player engagement, development and enjoyment, creating a positive environment which helps both players and coaches to stay in the game for longer.

We have coaching guidelines in place to ensure quality coaching practices throughout our club, from small sided to seniors.



*A handful of the 2017 CGFC coaching team.  
L-R. Ash McCoy Coaching Coordinator & U16, Fergus McAllister U10, Tony Cormack U10, Wayne Zantuck U12, Dee Nuttall U10, Glen Springate U10 Coordinator & U10, Mark Gardner U14, Liam Lynch U10.*



## Uniform

CGFC will loan players a team shirt which they are required to take care of until the end of the season. At that time the manager will collect the shirts and return them to the club, taking note of any damaged or unreturned shirts.

Any player who purposefully damages a shirt or does not return it will not be allowed to register the following year until they have either paid for or replaced the shirt.

A set of goalie gloves will be provided for each team.

Junior players will be required to purchase their own socks, shorts, shin guards and football boots. There is also a range of club merchandise available through the kiosk and on-line.

**Uniform/kit items can be purchased on-line at**

**[www.ultrafootball.com/account/register/?club=castlemaine-goldfields-fc](http://www.ultrafootball.com/account/register/?club=castlemaine-goldfields-fc)**



*In 2017 the CGFC updated the Club kit, creating a look across the juniors, men and women seniors teams.*

# Player Registration

*Every player must be fully registered with the club prior to the commencement of the season.*

Registrations are online through [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

New players will need to create a FFA account through myfootballclub.com first, then continue to registration. Returning players use their existing FFA number.

Please ensure you update your personal details including address and email address.

Players will not be eligible to participate until registration fees are paid in full, or a payment plan has been agreed upon with the CGFC Registration Officer.

## What do your Registration fees Cover?

- Team and Player registration and insurance.
- Registration with Football Federation Australia (FFA), Football Federation Victoria (FFV), Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL), Melbourne Metro League (senior) and CGFC. Part of the fees that you pay to us goes to these other associations.
- Referees fees
- Purchase of club training equipment
- Coach education (Our coaches do not get paid but we can help pay for their training)
- General maintenance and running costs.

Each year CGFC reviews fees, which are calculated to cover player and club running costs. It is not the clubs aim to profit from player registration fees.

CGFC reserves the right to withdraw any player that has not paid his/her membership and another player will be offered their place.

**Train Only Packages** - For those not able to commit to weekly games, but would still like to train or play socially, CGFC offer training only packages.

**Please note:** When you register on-line you are agreeing to the Castlemaine Goldfields Football Clubs Terms and Conditions as detailed in this handbook and agreeing to uphold the parents and members Code of Conduct.

# Rules and Regulations

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club is governed by the Codes of Conduct and Rules and Regulations found in this handbook, as well as those of our governing bodies:

## Football Federation of Victoria

[www.footballfedvic.com.au/club-hq/rules-regulations](http://www.footballfedvic.com.au/club-hq/rules-regulations)

## Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL)

[websites.sportstg.com/assoc](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc)

## Health and Safety

**Important.** Notify the coach and team manager of any health/medical condition that you believe may impact the player's ability to train or play. Please ensure the coach is aware of your asthma or anaphylaxis plan and make sure any medication required are present at every game and training session.

Shin-pads are a compulsory piece of equipment for ALL players and players are not permitted to play without them.

First Aid Kits are provided by the Club and are available while training or playing in home or away matches. Parents/Guardians are reminded that they are responsible for any medications that a child might require. Parents should discuss their child's special needs with the coach at the beginning of the season.

To ensure the safety of all players, jewellery must not be worn during games. Ear-rings may only be worn if they are covered with tape, but the REFEREE has final say on this issue and may ask the player to remove the earring(s).

### The importance of a mouth-guard when playing football

Sports-related injuries to the mouth and jaw are common, yet only a small percentage of young players wear a mouth-guard. Mouth-guards are particularly important when playing sports such as soccer.

A mouth-guard can help cushion a blow to the face that might otherwise result in an injury to the mouth and joints. It acts as a shock absorber protecting the teeth and lower jaw from breaking, prevents you from accidentally biting your lips, tongue or cheeks, and helps prevent chipped or broken teeth, nerve damage to a tooth or even tooth loss.

CGFC recommend players wear mouth-guards for their own safety.

### No Smoking

CGFC recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

All club facilities are to be 100% smoke free, including:

- No smoking is to take place around the ground or near the buildings. Smoking is permitted outside the fence and in the gravel carpark areas only.
- No smoking in the kitchen, club room, veranda, kiosk and storage areas.
- No smoking in the player change rooms including warm up areas, toilets and showers and medical room.

# Harassment and Discrimination

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club is committed to providing a safe and inclusive sporting environment where each participant is a valued member of the club, are treated fairly and recognised for their contribution.

Harassment or discrimination whether verbal, physical or environmental will not be tolerated by the Club.

## Child Safety

We believe that all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe all the time.

All committee, coaches, team managers, technical directors, sports trainers/physios, referees, parents/guardians, players, family members of players and volunteers of the CGFC are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children. We are committed to protect children from physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and cultural abuse, and neglect wherever possible.

**Please encourage your children to speak to one of our child protection officers if they are feeling uncomfortable in any way, or experience bullying or any kind of harassment.**

A copy of the CGFC Child Safe Policy and Procedure are available on the club website and in the clubrooms.

Castlemaine Goldfields FC has implemented the child safe standards as recommended by the *Victorian State Government's, Commission for Children and Young People*.

[www.cyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/index.htm](http://www.cyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/index.htm)

**Dedicated Child Safety Officers at CGFC are:**

- **Age Group Coordinators.**
- **Junior Coordinator.**
- **Coaching Coordinator.**
- **Club President.**

You or your child may speak to any of these people in confidentiality, safety and with confidence that the appropriate steps will be taken to ensure child safety. As part of our process the club President will be notified of all reports.



# Codes of Conduct

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club aims to develop and improve the skills, game play, and team spirit of its players and teams. It is important that all spectators, club officials, team officials, parents, and players are able to enjoy the match in a safe and comfortable environment. The Club requires its players, parents and officials to be uncompromising in aspects of fair play and good sportsmanship.

When you register on-line you are agreeing to the Castlemaine Goldfields Football Clubs Code of Conduct.

Please read and adhere to the following Codes of Conduct.

## The FFA Code of Ethics

This code is designed:

- To emphasise the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction to junior players and coaches involved in soccer.
- To make adults including parents and coaches aware that young player's play soccer to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or member's of their own peer group.
- To improve the overall health and fitness of Australia's youth by encouraging participation in soccer and making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all to play.
- To remind administrator's, coach's, referee's and parents that soccer must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those young people who wish to play soccer, as ultimately "It is their game".



## Parent Code of Conduct

- Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, and not yours.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Encourage all children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is winning or losing).
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise.
- Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels.
- "Smart supporting" – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and at all times positive.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (technical area) or sideline, or within those grounds that restrict this.



# Player

## Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules and within the spirit of the game.
- Do not argue with match officials. 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 or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates 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.



# **Coach**

## **Code of Conduct**

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure that everyone is treated equally.
- I will ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- I will respect all players individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- I will be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- I will be professional and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- I will make a commitment to my team, and myself that I will continue to improve my own knowledge of the game through coach education and various training programs.
- I will coach my player's to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of soccer.
- I will avoid any physical contact with the players and should it be required it would be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards my players. Also be aware to any forms of abuse directed towards my players from other sources whilst they are in my care.
- I will refrain from any form of harassment towards my players.
- I will provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- I will refrain from arguing with the referee and / or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- I will treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- I will always encourage my team to play within the laws of the game.
- I will not consent to the use of any banned substance or drugs of dependence by my players.
- I will act in a responsible manner and accept responsibility for my actions.



## **Administrator Code of Conduct**

- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others.
- Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

## **Spectator Code of Conduct**

- Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome.
- Respect the match officials decisions on the day.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game.
- Encourage all player s to follow the rules and accept the decision of the match official.
- Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards players, match officials, Club officials or spectators.

## **Breach of Codes of Conduct**

If a breach in the code of conduct occurs it will be referred to the committee for an appropriate course of action. Breaches may result in a caution or formal letter of warning. Continuous infringements of the same nature will result in match bans and ultimately exclusion from the club.

Severe breaches such as violent or threatening behaviour to players, coaches, parents etc. will result in expulsion from the club and potentially from the FFV/FFA. Inappropriate parental behaviour will adversely affect the children as the entire family may be asked to leave the club.

## Member and Parent Agreement

Dear Parent/Guardian, players and other members,

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Club, which you agree to when you or your child register on-line and become member, or take on a volunteer role within the club.

We, the parent/guardian/player, have received and read the Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club Inc. *Parents and Players Handbook* which outlines all Club rules, regulations, codes of behaviour and guidelines under which the Club is governed and agree to be bound by these. We also acknowledge that we are bound by the Rules and Regulations as laid down by the Football Federation of Australia, the Football Federation of Victoria, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League and the Melbourne Metro League.

We acknowledge that we understand where the insurance policy held by the Club with respect to medical and like expenses incurred as a result of injuries suffered by the players during the course of training and/or competition does not cover all of the medical and like expenses any shortfall in the cost of obtaining urgent and/or continuing medical treatment shall be borne by us.

We understand that players who have not paid their registration fee will not be selected to play.

We consent, unless we otherwise advise in writing to the Club, to the use of our child/children's photographic image and likeness, before, during or after the season for promotional, broadcasting or reporting purposes in any media.

We give permission to the Club to attend to any medical or emergency needs for our child/children, in the event that neither parent, nor guardian is present and we agree to meet all resulting medical expenses. We also acknowledge it is our responsibility to ensure the Club, in writing, is fully aware of any medical condition that may affect our child whilst engaged in soccer activities.

We consent to our child/children's contact details be made available to Club officials (i.e. coach, team manager).

We acknowledge that soccer training and games is a contact sport and accordingly hold the Club harmless against all claims of whatsoever nature arising out of any injury, loss or damage suffered as a result of any player participating in any authorised Club soccer training or game.

We agree to reimburse the club for any loss or damage to Club equipment (this includes the playing strip) due to our or our child's negligence.

# Useful Resources

## **The Australian Institute of Sport**

[www.ausport.gov.au/participating](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating)

## **Play by the Rules**

[www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)

## **Commission for Children and Young People - Child Safe Standards**

[www.ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/index.htm](http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/index.htm)

## **My Football Club**

[www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

## **Bendigo Amateur Soccer League - BASL**

[websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=0-8744-0-0-0](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-8744-0-0-0)

## **Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club**

[castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au](http://castlemainegoldfieldsfc.net.au)

## **Football Federation Victoria**

[www.footballfedvic.com.au](http://www.footballfedvic.com.au)

## **Vic Health**

[www.vichealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au)





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