Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club:

Parent Code of Conduct

Building a Safe & Respectful Football Environment

As a parent/guardian of a player at Marlin Coast Rangers, you play a vital role in ensuring our sport remains safe, inclusive, and fun. In alignment with the **Football Australia Member Protection Policy**, all parents are required to adhere to the following standards of behaviour:

1. Respect & Dignity

- **Focus on Effort, Not Outcome:** Remember that children participate in football for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage effort and skill development over winning at all costs.
- **Support All Players:** Applaud good play by your child's team and the opposing team. Treat all participants with the respect you expect for your own child.
- **Respect Officials:** Never ridicule or yell at a referee or official for making a mistake. They are human, often volunteers, and essential to the game. This extends to conduct when watching senior games.

2. Ethical Behaviour & Safety

- **Zero Tolerance for Abuse:** Physical or verbal abuse, harassment, or discrimination toward any player, coach, or official will not be tolerated.
- **Safe Environment:** Help us maintain a child-safe environment by being mindful of your language and behaviour on the sidelines.
- **Privacy:** Respect the privacy of all participants. Do not post photos or videos of other children on social media without express parental consent.

3. Support for Coaches & Volunteers

- **Let the Coaches Coach:** Do not shout instructions from the sidelines ("sideline coaching"). This confuses the players and undermines the coach's efforts.
- **Communicate Appropriately:** If you have a concern, raise it privately with the coach or the Club Safety Officer at an appropriate time—never during or immediately after a game in front of the children.
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4. MiniRoos & Junior Spirit

- **The "MiniRoos" Way:** For our younger players, the focus is on "learning by doing." Support the administrative protocols and state-based legislation that keep these programs safe and organized.
- **Be a Role Model:** Your behaviour on the sidelines sets the standard for your child's behaviour on the pitch.

Agreement & Acknowledgement

By enrolling your child at Marlin Coast Rangers, you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and the overarching **Football Australia Member Protection Policy**.

Important Note: Failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary action, including being asked to leave the sidelines or, in serious cases, suspension of membership.

Authorisation : This framework has been formally adopted by the Marlin Coast Rangers Committee of Management and is subject to annual review.

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