

Code of Conduct

Exemplary behaviour of team officials is expected at all times. The Zone will not tolerate any official entering into arguments or unsportsmanlike incidents - included but not limited to, with other FWB Team Officials, referees, opponents or spectators. Similarly, team officials should never approach State selectors or otherwise discuss players with State selectors, or speak negatively about players within earshot of State selectors. The Zone will remove any official or player for behaviour detrimental to the code of football. Team officials should:

- Be responsible for the squad/team with respect to dress and behaviour at all times
- Compliment and encourage all participants
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents
- Emphasize the 'spirit' of the game, rather than errors
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Implement and support the policies of the Zone
- Be a good ambassador for the game and your Zone
- Under no circumstances, touch players.

Drugs, Smoking & Alcohol

The Zone has a **'zero tolerance' policy on each of these issues for players.** If a player is found to be undertaking any of this activity, the matter needs to be handled carefully and with sensitivity but the player will be removed from the squad/team and sent home at parent's expense. Any incident must be reported to the Zone Admin Officer immediately.

Smoking: Team officials are asked to refrain from smoking in the company/view of players.

Illegal Drugs: Any team official found to be taking illegal drugs taking will be dismissed immediately.

Alcohol: Alcohol is not to be consumed in the view of players. Any team official consuming alcohol in the presence or in view of players will be dismissed. Alcohol in small amounts can affect your judgment and ability to care for players. At no time should team officials be over the legal blood alcohol limit set for legal driving whilst acting in an official capacity.

Acting as an Official for the Zone

The Zone is responsible for all policies relating to the representative program and sets the parameters within which the squads/teams operate. Team Officials are required to adhere to the policies laid down by the Zone and are responsible to the Zone. Team Officials should refer policy or procedure matters to the Admin Officer. They are not to make any decisions that could involve an interpretation of Zone/Football Queensland Policies without consultation with Football Wide Bay.