

## Beecroft FC Code Of Conduct

Beecroft FC adheres to the GHFA [Code of Conduct](#)

In addition however, we plan to start an ongoing process of improving on and off field behaviour in 2010. This will be to ensure that genuine sportsmanship is fostered and to allow all participants –players, officials and spectators to enjoy the game free of abusive or intolerant behaviour.

### 1. Behaviour to referees:

- a. This will be the main thrust for 2010. We will be acting swiftly and without fear or favour to stamp out any referee abuse. To this end we will have a number of non-appealable sanctions in place. All players, parents and guests are expected to treat officials with respect and good humour at all times. Never criticize the referee, especially not in front of players. Coaches and managers have a large role to play here in setting the standard for players to emulate.
- b. We will have a ground marshal present at all games at Cheltenham oval. The referee will be encouraged to give feedback to the marshal regarding player and spectator behaviour.
- c. Any parent who criticises the referee in the hearing of other parents or children will receive a warning. A second episode will result in an immediate 1 month ban from attending games. By criticizing, we mean complaining about decisions, and derisive comments on the referees abilities or impartiality. While we will show tolerance to the occasional groan of disappointment, any negative comments specifically directed to the referee will not be accepted.
- d. Any coach or manager who criticizes the referee or linesmen will be initially counseled. Subsequent episodes will result in their being removed from their position.
- e. Players that regularly abuse a referee will be given a one match suspension by the club regardless of any official sanction. Repeated offenses will result in longer suspensions and eventual deregistration from the club.

### 2. Behaviour to players:

- a. Parents or others who criticize players from the sidelines may also be given a one month suspension (even if it is their child). This will be based on discussions between the ground marshall and coach.

### 3. Enforcement:

- a. Should a parent be given a one month ban but ignore it, the club will have no recourse but to suspend the child of the parent for the duration of the ban.