



## **LYNWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (LUFC) - CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 Membership at Lynwood United Football Club (LUFC) is a privilege, and all members are expected to uphold the club's reputation as a welcoming and professional football club.

1.2 LUFC operates as a community-driven club, where members contribute to its sustainability both financially and operationally. Voluntary participation is encouraged to maintain the club's facilities and ensure smooth operations.

1.3 This Code of Conduct establishes expected standards of behaviour for all members to:

- Promote respect and integrity within the club community.
- Encourage consistent and high standards of conduct.
- Ensure ethical, fair, and honest engagement with all members and volunteers.
- Build trust within the community and positively represent football.
- Safeguard the well-being of all members, guests, and participants.
- Foster an inclusive and enjoyable club environment.

1.4 This Code of Conduct covers key areas, including Conduct, Behaviour, Child Safety, Club Integrity, Guest Responsibilities, and Compliance.

### **2. Conduct**

2.1 LUFC aims to maintain a respectful and positive environment. Members shall:

- Show courtesy and respect to all club members, volunteers, and visitors.
- Refrain from conduct that could damage the club's reputation, including inappropriate behaviour on social media, emails, or messaging platforms.
- Support inclusivity and fairness, ensuring all members have equal opportunities.
- Prioritise safety for themselves and others within the club.
- Abide by LUFC's Constitution, by-laws, and policies.
- Follow reasonable instructions from club officials and committee members.
- Accept responsibility for their actions, understanding that breaches of club rules may result in disciplinary measures.
- Be responsible for their own kits and uniform.
- Wear the correct game shirt that is approved by the club at the start of each season. failure to do this could result in a fine.

### **3. Behaviour**

3.1 All members must:

- Respect privacy and maintain ethical, fair, and honest conduct.
- Adhere to all applicable laws, including those related to liquor licensing and responsible alcohol consumption.
- Exhibit sportsmanship, playing within the rules and spirit of the game, both on and off the field.

- Follow Football Australia (FA), Football West, and LUFC regulations, including Spectator and Member Codes of Conduct.
- Respect referees' and officials' decisions, accepting any disciplinary actions imposed by governing bodies or the club's committee without displaying inappropriate behaviour.
- Be responsible for fines and penalties incurred through misconduct (e.g., red cards or disciplinary actions).
- Use mobile phones discreetly and considerately.
- Refrain from smoking within LUFC buildings and grounds.

### 3.2 LUFC has zero tolerance for:

- Offensive language, disrespectful behaviour, or poor sportsmanship.
  - Excessive alcohol consumption or illegal alcohol use under liquor licensing laws.
  - Supplying alcohol to minors or intoxicated individuals.
  - Public intoxication or consumption of alcohol in unauthorised areas.
  - Abuse, intimidation, harassment, or violent behaviour.
  - Illegal drug use or encouragement of such behaviour.
  - Vandalism or destruction of club or personal property.
  - Any form of discrimination or exclusion.
  - Members breaching this code without consultation with team coaches or managers.
- LUFC prioritises the safety and enjoyment of all members and guests.

## 4. Child Protection

### 4.1 The safety and welfare of junior members are of utmost importance.

- All LUFC coaches and managers must register on the PlayFootball platform.
- Coaches/managers who are parents or guardians of a junior player must select the "exempt from WWCC" option when registering.
- Coaches/managers at the club who are not a parent or guardian of a junior player must obtain a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) at the start of each season.
- The allocation of coaching, managing, and volunteer roles is at the discretion of the LUFC executive committee.
- Members must act responsibly when interacting with individuals under 18, setting a positive example.
- All coaches, managers, and volunteers working with children must comply with child protection laws (unless exempt as a parent/guardian of a junior player) and obtain a WWCC at the start of each season (at their own expense).
- Alcohol and tobacco use by minors is strictly prohibited.
- Members should avoid unaccompanied and unobserved interactions with minors where possible.
- Parents/guardians are required to accompany their child/player to training and games and must be present at all times.

## 5. Club Integrity & Privacy

### 5.1 All members must respect LUFC's integrity and confidentiality:

- Members cannot represent LUFC in official matters without proper authorisation.
- Personal gain or preferential treatment should not be sought from committee members.
- Members should not promote personal beliefs or behaviours that contradict LUFC's values.

## **6. Guests**

6.1 Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests.

- Guests must adhere to this Code of Conduct.
- Guests must remain in the company of the inviting member while on LUFC premises.
- No outside alcohol is permitted on LUFC grounds. Any violation may result in immediate dismissal from the club.

## **7. Compliance**

7.1 Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will not be tolerated.

- Members or guests violating this code may be asked to leave or be removed from the club.
- Complaints regarding conduct must be directed to a committee member or club official.
- Breaches of club rules may lead to disciplinary action by the LUFC committee.
- This Code of Conduct should be read alongside LUFC's policies, procedures, and constitution.

LUFC is committed to fostering a positive and inclusive football environment for all members and visitors. By adhering to this Code of Conduct, we ensure a safe, enjoyable, and respectful club experience for everyone.