



Bowen Island Football Club

Player Code of Conduct



BIFC WILL STRIVE TO PROMOTE:

- A life-long love for the game.
- A safe playing environment.
- Development of all players to their maximum potential by providing positive opportunities for all participants.
- Gender equal opportunities to participate.
- Respect for fellow players, teams, game officials and for the laws of the game.
- Positive attitudes, constructive and reflective of good sportsmanship on and off the field.
- Adheres to the FIFA Laws of the Game, Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations, British Columbia Universal Code of Conduct (BC UCC), BC Soccer Rules & Regulations as found on the BIFC website (bowenfc.com)
- A respectful sports culture delivering quality, inclusive, welcoming and safe sport experiences.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE PLAYER:

- Arrive to games and practices on time (you will be held responsible for this – not your parents) with the appropriate clothing and gear.
- Perform up to your potential - be ready to try your best – give maximum effort. What players put into training it is what they get out of it, so we encourage maximum effort and focus.
- Listen to your coach and don't be afraid to learn, and most importantly, try new skills. Practices go most smoothly when everyone respects the coach and the other team members.
- Keep a positive attitude towards your team members - remember this is a "team sport"
- Maintain a positive and polite attitude towards your teammates, your coach, the opposing team and referees.
- Demonstrating the spirit of fair play, sport leadership, and ethical conduct.
- Report any medical problems in a timely fashion, when such problems may limit your ability to travel, practice, or compete.
- Never ridicule a participant for a poor performance or practice.
- Act in a sportsmanlike manner and not engage in violent behaviour, foul language, or offensive gestures.

DISCIPLINE

The Club will invoke a two-card system (in the form of a warning) for players who are not acting appropriately and showing disrespect to either their coaches/managers or teammates. A player will also be issued a yellow card (in the form of a warning) for bad behavior and will be told if it continues, he/she will be asked to sit out the rest of training. A second yellow card (verbally) will be issued if the player persists in this regard and will be forced to sit out the remainder of the training session and/or game. Following the session and/or game, the coach will address the player

directly and privately and explain their decision in an effort to help the player understand and avoid any future occurrence.

If any player has any issues with their coach or coaches, they should first try to address the problem with their coach and failing a satisfactory resolution they can speak with their respective team manager. Should the problem/issue continue players are encouraged to reach out to the Club Coordinator and/or GM/TD as per the Club's Rules, Discipline and Problem Solving procedures as found on the BIFC web site (bowenfc.com).

