



CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

The Australian Table Football Association (ATFA) expects all players to contribute to an ethos of fair play and sportsmanship which encourages participation and enjoyment by new and existing players. All players are expected to demonstrate care towards the well-being and enjoyment of all players, referees, organisers and officials.

This Code of Conduct has been developed to support fair play and appropriate behaviour by all players in Australia. Players are expected to adhere to the Code at all times, including in FISTF (Federation of International Sports Table Football Associations) tournaments (international and national), WASPA (World Amateur Subbuteo Players Association) tournaments, club fixtures and friendly matches.

This Code should be read in conjunction with FISTF's statement on fair play, FISTF's Sports Rules of Table Football, the FISTF Handbook (including the Disciplinary Regulations), and the ATFA Constitution.

Principles of Fair Play

To maximise enjoyment and engagement in the sport of table football in Australia, ATFA supports and expects all players to abide by the following principles, which comprise the ATFA Code of Conduct:

- A spirit of friendship, cooperation, integrity, camaraderie and team play.
- Respect for opponents, teammates, referees, tournament organisers, and ATFA officials.
- Sportsmanship and fair play.
- Appropriate control over emotions, speech and behaviour.
- Understanding of, and respect for, the rules. □

Any behaviour observed in violation of this Code should be reported immediately by email to the ATFA Board via the ATFA President. All allegations of violation of the Code will be treated confidentially, investigated thoroughly and promptly in accordance with the constitution of ATFA and relevant FISTF/WASPA provisions as appropriate, and may result in disciplinary action by ATFA. Such action may be in addition to any action taken by FISTF/WASPA under their disciplinary processes and, for more serious violations, may lead to suspension or even termination of membership of ATFA.

References

- FISTF Statement on Fair Play: <http://fistf.com/fistf-fair-play/>
- FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football and the FISTF Handbook (including the Disciplinary Regulations): <http://fistf.com/sports-rules/>
- ATFA Constitution: <http://subbuteoaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/ATFA-Constitution-2017.pdf>

AUSTRALIAN TABLE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PLAYER'S COMMITMENT

I WILL:

Treat my opponents with respect at all times.
Respect the judgment of match officials, abide by the rules of the game, and not create unnecessary tension.
Cooperate with organisers and fellow participants to create a fair contest.
Live up to the high standards of sporting behaviour embraced by ATFA (unsporting behaviour includes, but is not limited to: dishonestly claiming a 'hit' or a 'miss'; not calling self after committing a finger foul; deliberately smashing the ball against an opponent's hand to gain a free kick or penalty; knowingly taking four flicks; not advising the referee of a situation the referee didn't see; not replacing players or the ball correctly on the pitch at a dead-ball situation or otherwise; etc).

REFEREE'S COMMITMENT

I WILL:

Referee all games assigned to me without complaint and with my best effort and focus.
Set a good example of sporting conduct for the players.
Instruct the players in their fair play responsibilities and expect that they hold competition and sporting behaviour as equal priorities.
Enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sporting standards (issue a Yellow/Orange/Red card as appropriate; report any violation of the Code of Conduct).
Continuously improve my knowledge, understanding and interpretation of the FISTF Table Football Rules.

DECLARATION

I have read and understand the ATFA Code of Conduct. I promise my full commitment to abide by it.

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____