



# THE GAP FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

## YELLOW CARD PROGRAM

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# OBJECTIVES

- Provide an enjoyable training and game day experience for all players, coaches and parents
- Ensure players understand what is expected as appropriate behaviour
- Return coach's focus to team and skill building activities and return discipline management to parents
- Remove the responsibility and communication around discipline solely from coaches
- Ensure parents are aware of discipline concerns
- Provide consistency across the Club for behaviour expected from players
- Provide consistency and certainty across the Club for management of behaviours

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# PROCESS

### Part I

Example: disrespectful player at training / games / out of club

1. The player receives a verbal warning at the time
2. If behaviour is not improved within same session the player will be asked to sit out for 10 minutes
3. If behaviour is then not improved the player will be benched for remainder of session and given a Yellow Card
4. A subsequent Yellow Card = Red Card
5. Any subsequent Yellow Card (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Yellow Card) is immediately promoted to a Red Card
6. Players in graded teams who receive 2 red cards will have their position in the team reviewed and no refund will be available
7. Players who receive 3 Red Cards will lose their membership in the club immediately and no refund will be available

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## PROCESS (CONTINUED)

### Part 2

#### **Yellow Card – What happens?**

- Email from club to the parents informing of behaviour problems
- Parents welcome to engage with the Director of Junior Football (not coach / manager)

#### **Red Card – What happens?**

- Player sits out next game (can still train with team)
- Email from club to parents informing of behaviour problems and period player will be missing
- Parents welcome to engage with the Director of Junior Football (not coach / manager)

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# EXAMPLE BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS

1. Ignoring instructions, disrespectful behaviour towards players and / or coach
2. Disrupting activities
3. Deliberately harming another player
4. Cyber bullying (this includes activities away from the club)
5. Serious conduct such as intentionally physically harming another player or repeated bullying may result in an automatic Red Card

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# PARENTS

1. It is important to recognise that coaches are there to teach your child football skills and teamwork.
2. It is not the role of coaches to parent or discipline your child. It is expected that your child is at football because **they** enjoy the game and wish to participate.
3. Much the same as when you wish to speak to your child's school teacher, if you would like to have a conversation with the coach, please contact them via email or mobile and set up a time that is convenient to both of you. It is not productive or appropriate to approach a coach before / during / or after a training session or game and expect to have their focus and attention. We support the coach's right to refuse to engage at such times.
4. If you believe you have not had a reasonable response to your requests please communicate with the Director of Junior Football [gapjrsec@gmail.com](mailto:gapjrsec@gmail.com).
5. If, after following the directed channels you remain unhappy with the response, you are welcome to contact TGFC Board Executive [gapfcsec@gmail.com](mailto:gapfcsec@gmail.com)

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# COACHES

1. It is important to ensure consistency and reasonable opportunities for players to correct their behaviours.
2. This program is intended to support a coach's objective of providing safe and enjoyable activities to all players and volunteers.
3. Please approach your JDO / DOC / Director of Junior Football for support with implementing this program.
4. TGFC values the contribution of all its volunteers and seeks to enhance your experience.