

CODE OF CONDUCT

KICK IT MODEL

KICK IT TOUCH FOOTBALL: MISSION STATEMENT

Kick It Touch Football is a social sporting competition that blends Touch Football and Rugby League. Queensland owned, we live and breathe rugby league with a genuine passion for success. At Kickit Touch Football we believe in our professionalism, opportunity and fun, to make structured sport the right way. Our goal is to provide the most realistic, sociable atmosphere and to re-invigorate Touch football with a kick. All over the Great South East, Kick It Touch Football is the next best thing to Rugby League!

KICKIT GOALS: THE NEXT DECADE

- **Ascertain a greater volume of stakeholders**
- **Break into the mainstream public sport sector**
- **Capture a competitive market share in the public sport sector**
- **Continued exposure throughout Queensland**
- **Create industry leading systems**
- **Establish a representative structure**
- **Further provide a fun, competitive, social atmosphere at a community and public level**
- **Growth and expansion across the state and nationally**
- **Install an industry leading website and communication system**
- **Invest into Women's and Children competitions**
- **Launch a Kick It newsletter and video package**
- **Promote a positive brand image**
- **Referee Development**
- **Tournament days & competitions with lots of great prizes**

CONTACT MODEL

KICKIT & THE CONTACT MODEL

Kick It Touch Football believes in both a social and competitive atmosphere, however it is the responsibility of all players and staff to maintain this nature throughout. We pride ourselves on promoting a positive image and professionalism, which is why player safety is a top priority.

WHAT IS CONTACT?

Contact refers to the state of physical touching. Outlined below are the different types of physical contact.

Levels of contact:

- **General/ low impact contact.**
 - Pushing, shoving, heavy handed touching
 - Slapping and Jostling
- **Accidental contact.**
 - Player collisions
 - Diving
 - Head contact
- **Dangerous contact.**
 - Kicking, Kicking in danger
 - Kneeing, Tripping, Sliding
 - Aggressive jostling, shouldering or elbowing,
 - Blocking or running the ball carrier/runner off the ball with contact.
 - Tackling and shoulder charging
- **Anti-social behavior**
 - Fighting

KICKIT PROCEDURE

The Kickit Procedure is to remain consistent in the decision making process in regards to all types of contact. The on field referee/s will determine the severity of the infringement and make an impartial judgment as required. In most cases the on field referee will give a warning, followed by a penalty to the infringing player and captain. In the event of a substitution or send off, the venue manager will communicate to team captains regarding the issue. Below is a general assessment and process involved with contact.

Warning: General, Accidental contact

Penalty: General, Accidental & Dangerous contact

Substitution/Send off: Dangerous contact, Anti-social behavior

TEAM MANAGEMENT MODEL

KICK IT & THE OFF FIELD MODEL

Kick it touch football promotes a strong community environment for the sustainability and growth of the game. There is nothing greater than friends and family, cheering teams on from the sidelines and while Kickit encourages this, their safety and player safety is paramount.

What does kick it expect off the field?

- **Health and safety regulations**
 - No smoking within 4m from fields or clubhouse
 - No drinking/intoxication unless in designated venue areas
 - Players and spectators must stay 2m away from fields during games.
 - Players and spectators must not walk across fields during game times
- **Behavioral**
 - No verbal or physically negativity towards referees or Kick it staff
 - No verbal or physical negativity towards other players/spectators from players and spectators
 - No verbal or physical negativity towards players/spectators from Kickit staff/referees
 - Socially acceptable behavior
 - Sportsmanship
 - Playing in the spirit of the game

THE KICKIT PROCEDURE

The Kickit Procedure is to remain consistent and eliminate any anti-social behavior. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to act in a fair and socially acceptable manner. It is the on-field captain who is fully responsible for all associated players and spectators behavior and/or actions. In any case, subsequent issues of players and/or spectators will be brought to the attention of the associated team captain by an on field referee or Kickit staff member.

Warning: Team captain will receive a warning to be aware and address the issue

Substitution: Second offence, team Captain substitution to address and rectify the issue

Send off: Final offence, team captain will assume full responsibility and will be removed from the game to eliminate the issue.

End of game: The team captain will be addressed by Kickit venue managers to correct any issue and identify a fair course of action moving forward. This may result in a possible ban.

CONTRARY CONDUCT MODEL

KICK IT AND THE CONTRARY CONDUCT MODEL

Kick It Touch Football believes in a fair and balanced game with enjoyment for all players and referees. As safety and experience is important, it is crucial to have a system in place for abnormal circumstances that are negative towards the brand of Kick It Touch Football. It is in the best interests of players, teams and Kick It staff to abide by these standards to remain sociable, fun and professional.

WHAT IS CONTRARY CONDUCT?

Contrary conduct refers to the opposite effect from what has been stated or what is expected. KickIt expects that players and teams show respect and promote a positive environment when participating within the Kickit society. Below are measures to ensure the safety and to maintain the positivistic atmosphere for players, teams, referees, staff and other stakeholders involved with Kickit.

Types of Contrary Conduct

- **Anti-social Behavior**
 - Players and spectators; offensive language & fighting.
- **Dangerous conduct**
 - Players and Spectators; failure to adhere to the team management model.
- **Dangerous contact**
 - Kicking, Kicking in danger, tackling & Shoulder charging
 - Striking and intentional contact
 - Failure to adhere to the contact model.
- **Detrimental conduct**
 - Failing to adhere to any part of the code of conduct or rules
- **Dissent**
 - Negativity or disrespect aimed towards referees decisions
 - Negativity or disrespect aimed towards Kickit staff

THE KICKIT PROCEDURE

The Kickit Procedure is to remain consistent and to eliminate all types of contrary conduct. The on field referee/s will identify the type of contrary conduct and adjudicate accordingly. Venue managers will note all issues regarding contrary conduct and team captains will be advised.

Warning: Venue managers will warn captain & players involved in minor contrary conduct issues. Steps will be taken to eliminate offending player/s negative conduct.

Suspension: Captain &/or players involved in serious contrary conduct issues will receive a week based penalty. Further steps will be taken to eliminate offending player/s negative conduct.

Expulsion: Captain/players &/or team who continually receive contrary conduct warnings will receive a Kickit season ban.

REFEREE MODEL

KICK IT AND THE REFEREE MODEL

Referees are one of the most fundamental parts of Kick It Touch Football. It is important that all referees adhere to a structured set of guidelines to ensure professionalism, standards and consistency. It is the responsibility of referees and teams to work together to ensure the best possible environment within Kick It Touch Football.

WHAT IS THE REFEREE MODEL

The referee Model outlines the standards that all referees must follow and the policies to ensure aspects such as player safety, communication, sportsmanship, equitable, ascendancy, and a positive sociable behavior are apparent.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE REFEREE

- Enthusiasm and energy
- Knowledge of rules
- Work ethic and punctuality
- Positive attitude
- To control and maintain sociable behavior
- To possess fantastic people/communications skills.
- Ensure player safety
- Guarantee scores/results

THE KICKIT PROCEDURE

Kickit encourages captains and teams to provide communication and feedback to our referees to better improve our systems and training. As a brand, Kickit will ensure it is up to date with all training programs and knowledge based education systems to ensure the most enjoyable and positive game experience possible. This Kickit procedure starts with captains and teams.

INJURY MODEL

KICK IT AND THE INJURY MODEL

The Kick It image is one of fun, safety and sociability, thus to support this, It is the responsibility of all Kick It staff, referees, players and other stakeholders to ensure these guidelines are followed to maintain a high standard. Kick It has put in place an injury policy to assure the safety of those involved. Although we have procedures in place to limit the risk of injury to players and officials, unfortunately like many sports there is always a small risk of injury when taking the field.

WHAT IS THE INJURY MODEL

The Kick it injury model is a guideline used to inform players, referees and Kickit managers of the course of action taken when an incident occurs. Aspects such as injuries, trauma, blood and other medical conditions are of high focus and need an action plan to ensure an effective and an efficient treatment.

INSURANCE

Players automatically agree that KickIt Touch Footy Pty Ltd is not responsible for any injury or loss, whether bodily or to property from the activities of KickIt Touch Footy. Players accept that when participating in the KickIt Touch Footy competition, they do so on the voluntary assumption of risk on their own behalf. Participants are encouraged to visit their doctor before playing in the KickIt Touch Footy competition as any pre-existing medical condition may put a player at risk of physical injury. Under no circumstances are pre-existing injuries covered by the KickIt Touch Footy Pty Ltd insurance policy, which is administered by OAMPS Insurance Brokers Ltd. Additional loss of income is the player's responsibility to take extra cover if they feel that is necessary.

We have no specific age requirement for junior players, if the individual feels confident and comfortable playing in the open social competition, they can do so. It is up to the individual to request a parent guardian form from Kickit venue managers.

EXPECTATIONS OF KICK IT

Blood Bin – For Health and safety reasons if any player has visible blood, that player must substitute immediately and attend the first aid area located at the referee tent or table.

Injury & Trauma– Players who are severely injured in game situations are asked to remain stationary until a referee or qualified first aid staff member can attend that player. In some circumstances where there is a significant injury with the advice of medical practitioners we cannot move that player. In this situation an ambulance will be called and the player requested to remain stationary until medical help arrives.

It is in the best interest of Kickit staff and players that we must follow these guidelines set by medical practitioners to ensure no additional injury.

Medical conditions – It is in best interest of Kickit for venue management to be made aware of any underlying medical condition that a player has that may contribute to or aggravate circumstances in the event of an injury whilst playing Kick It Touch Football. If any player is in need of medical attention, make your way to the referee tent/table where there is a first aid kit and medical advice available.

THE KICKIT PROCEDURE

The Kickit procedure is to identify, communicate and assist in the assessment and treatment of any injured player. Play will be stopped at the completion of current play in all cases.

In the event of a serious injury or requirement of an ambulance, play will be halted and will not continue until the injured player has been attended to by a medical adviser or officer. We will do our best to continue with the game within its scheduled time. Failure to complete one half of the game will result in a draw for both teams. Due to scheduling constraints, unfortunately the game cannot be replayed unless there is a free playing field present.

Please note: venue managers will make all judgments with regards to injury procedures.

