

## **Protocols for Football Junior Coaches**

The Southland Football Junior Committee has ratified the following protocol for coaches of junior teams in 2008. The Committee focused on the three main points that most clubs wanted addressing. These were:

- 1. Physical abuse of Players or officials
- 2. Players persistently being in breach of the laws of the game. For example: dangerous tackling. (Studs Showing)
- 3. Verbal abuse of Players (Including your own team) or officials

Accordingly the 2008 ‘laws of the game’ are as follows

### Step 1

If a player is cautioned on one of the above offences, a second offence in he same game would result in the player being put into the Sin Bin for 10 minutes. No replacement player would be admitted to the field of play during the 10 minute Sin Bin.

### Step 2

When a player returns after the Sin Bin Time and they commit a third offence, he/she will be asked to leave the field of play and will automatically receive a one match suspension. This will apply to his/her teams next scheduled game. The junior committee chairperson, Lance Kiddey, is to be contacted by the team coach/manager following any player suspension (Contact Details below)

### Step 3

If a player is suspended more than once during the same season, the committee will look at further sanctioning and further penalties of suspensions.

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The above protocol is still in use in 2010 and so fair play is to be observed at all times.