



Codes of Conduct

Coaches Code of Conduct

- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles for the growth and development of your players
- Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Ensure that each player has an opportunity to contribute to the team.
- Remember that players play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the players for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of training and competition should take into consideration the age and maturity levels of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.

Players Code of Conduct

- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents, friends or coaches.
- Play by the rules – be competitive but do not be unfair or unsportsmanlike
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your anger. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport or our club.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Cheer and encourage all good players whether they be your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

Parents Code of Conduct

- If children are interested, encourage them to play. However, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her to play.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability, by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for being part of losing a game.
- Remember children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Verbal and physical abuse are not acceptable on or off the field.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and they deserve your support.

We play for the ENJOYMENT and FUN of the sport.

We play competitively BUT we play FAIRLY.

Blasphemy or offensive language is not acceptable in this club, on or off the field.