



# CODE OF CONDUCT

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### PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain approach the official during a break or at the end of the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the "just average" need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- Never argue with an official or publicly show descent. If you disagree with a decision, approach the centre management during the game.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### **PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember that children learn best by example
- Appreciate good performance and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### **OFFICIALS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**

- Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- Reproach unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and rule changes.
- Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.

#### **SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach your people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your teams' opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**This means that the following behaviour has no place in our association and will not be tolerated:**

- Swearing
- Racial taunts of any kind
- Violent Conduct - Physical or verbal

Our association has a zero tolerance to bad behaviour of players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. Should you have a difficult person on your game, then you are to report this to the office. Umpires will stop the game and will not continue until the behaviour has ceased. If this does not occur the person concerned will be asked to leave the centre and maybe placed on a ban depending on the severity of the circumstance.

Nicole McKennay  
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