



Code of conduct

For the players:

1. Play by the rules. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
2. Control your temper. Verbal abuse, foul language or sledging directed towards official or other players is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
3. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
4. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are on your team or your opponents.
5. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
6. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no games.
7. Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.
8. Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

For the parents and spectators:

1. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall results of the event. This allows the child to set realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
2. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
3. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
4. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
5. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
6. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
7. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
8. Smoking on or around the grounds on which the children are playing is prohibited.
9. Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender or race.