



Players, Parents & Spectators Code of Behaviour

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- I will refrain from arguing with the referee and/or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- I will treat participants, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will play by the laws of the game.
- I will cooperate with my coach, team mates, referees and officials.
- I will not use any banned substance or drugs of dependence.
- I will display good sportsmanship at all times.

PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, and not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is winning or losing).
- Encourage children to always participate 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, so applaud good play by both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the match officials' decisions and teach your child to do likewise.
- Show respect and appreciation to club volunteers, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline.

SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Remember all children play soccer for their enjoyment, not just yours.
- Applaud good play and performances from both teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the match official's decisions on the day and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake before, during or after the game, as this may deter that child from continuing in the sport.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official.
- Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards players, match officials, club officials or spectators
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.