

Code of Conduct

PARENTS / GUARDIANS should encourage their child to:

- Play by the rules
- Improve their skills levels
- Appreciate everybody on their team, regardless of ability

PARENTS / GUARDIANS should lead by example:

- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise
- Do not exert undue pressure on your child
- Never admonish your own child or any other child for their standard of play
- Be realistic in their expectations
- Show approval for effort, not just results
- Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player
- Applaud good play from all teams
- Do not seek to unfairly affect a game or player
- Do not enter the field of play or play area unless invited to do so by an official in charge

PARENTS / GUARDIANS should:

- Complete and return the registration/permission and medical consent form for their child's participation in the club
- Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment
- Listen to what young people have to say
- Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game
- Never attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children's participation in games

YOUNG PLAYERS should always:

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion
- Support fellow team members whether they do well or not so well
- Represent their team, their club and their family with pride and dignity
- Respect all coaches, mentors, officials and their opponents
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory
- Shake hands before and after the game irrespective of the result
- Inform their coach/mentor/manager when they are unavailable for training and games
- Talk to the Club Children's Officer with any concerns or questions they may have
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and their Club's Code of Discipline
- Consult with their Coach, Children's officer, and/or parents if they or others have been harmed in any way
- Take due care of club equipment

YOUNG PLAYERS should not:

- Cheat – always play by the rules
- Shout at or argue with an official, team mates or opponents or use violence
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players
- Spread rumours
- Tell lies about adults or other young people
- Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured
- Use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references