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# Coaches and Managers

## CHILDREN PLAY FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT

- † Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, cultural background, religion or ability
- † Remember that young people 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 game
- † Operate within the rules and spirit of the game of soccer and teach your players to do the same
- † Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities, foul language and blaspheming is not acceptable
- † Develop team respect for the ability of opposition players
- † Respect officials' decisions and teach the players to do likewise
- † Approach officials with queries only if absolutely necessary either before or after the game or at half time. Approaches should be made in a reasonable manner and always bearing in mind they are volunteers whose support for the game is critical is critical
- † Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or in order to provide medical assistance
- † Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow medical advice when determining whether an injured or sick player is ready to recommence training or competition
- † Whenever possible group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity
- † Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time
- † Be reasonable in your demands on a young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the players
- † Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- † Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles for growth and development of young people
- † Children learn best from example – applaud all good play

Codes of Behaviour



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## Parents

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- † Remember young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- † Encourage your child to participate, do not force them.
- † Encourage children to always play according to rules.
- † Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- † Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- † Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- † Children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams and congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the outcome.
- † Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- † If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the coach / manager. Do not directly question or approach the official. Remember, officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- † Verbal and physical abuse are not acceptable on or off the field.
- † Our club is part of a church and in a church run competition, so you will understand that swearing and blasphemy is offensive, please refrain
- † Show appreciation for volunteer coaches / managers / officials. Without them your child could not participate, be a volunteer for any needs

## Spectators

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- † Remember young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- † Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials decisions.
- † Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- † Children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams and congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the outcome.
- † Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- † Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, managers or officials. Verbal and physical abuse are not acceptable on or off the field.
- † If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the coach / manager of one of the teams. Do not directly question or approach the official.
- † Show appreciation for volunteer coaches / managers / officials. Without them there would be no game.



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# Players

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- † Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, cultural background, religion or ability
- † Play for the 'fun of it' and your enjoyment, not just to please parents and coaches / managers.
- † Play by the rules.
- † Co-operate with your coach, manager, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- † Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- † Be a good sport. Cheer all good play whether it be by your team or the other team.
- † Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss with your coach / manager at half time or after the game.
- † Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling, distracting or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- † Treat all players and officials as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
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