



Club Code of Conduct

Players, Parents/Guardians, Supporters, Coaches, Team Officials and Volunteers

2026/27 Club Season

Purpose and scope

Rockingham Raptors Teeball Association wants every child and family to have a safe, positive and enjoyable experience. This Code sets the behaviour expected from everyone who participates in, volunteers for or supports the club.

The Code applies at training, games, carnivals, club events and activities, and to online communication connected with the club, a team or competition. It operates alongside the club constitution, adopted policies, TBAWA rules and venue requirements. If these documents differ, the higher governing requirement applies.

Our commitment

Rockingham Raptors aims to provide a safe, inclusive and family friendly environment where children enjoy teeball, develop their skills and feel that they belong. The safety and wellbeing of children comes first.

Shared expectations

- Treat players, coaches, team officials, umpires, volunteers, opponents, supporters and families with dignity and respect
- Support fair play, inclusion and good sportsmanship, regardless of the score or result
- Follow reasonable safety directions, TBAWA rules, venue requirements and club instructions
- Do not engage in bullying, harassment, discrimination, intimidation, abuse, threatening behaviour or deliberate conduct that places another person at risk
- Remember that junior sport is for the enjoyment, development and participation of children
- Raise concerns through the club's reporting pathway rather than through confrontation, public criticism or social media

Players

Players are expected to:

- Arrive ready to participate and listen to coaches and team officials
- Try their best, support their teammates and take part with a positive attitude
- Respect umpires and accept decisions without arguing, abuse or visible displays of disrespect
- Play within the rules and never deliberately injure, intimidate or unfairly disadvantage another player
- Use appropriate language and behaviour at training, games, carnivals and club activities
- Look after club uniforms, equipment, facilities and other people's property
- Show good sportsmanship to teammates and opponents, whether the team wins or loses
- Tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe, uncomfortable, bullied or worried about another child



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Parents and guardians

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- Support their child to attend, arrive on time and be ready for training and games, and notify the coach or team manager promptly about absences, injury, illness or anything that may affect safe participation
- Encourage effort, learning and enjoyment. Do not place unreasonable pressure on a child or criticise their performance
- Respect the coach's responsibility for training, player development, fielding positions, rotations and game decisions
- Allow coaches to coach and umpires to officiate. Do not coach from the sideline or argue with officials
- Model calm and respectful behaviour when speaking about players, families, coaches, umpires, volunteers or the club
- Complete rostered or agreed team duties, such as scoring, umpiring, setup or pack-up, or arrange a replacement if unable to assist
- Supervise their child outside the times when a coach, team manager or other club official has expressly accepted responsibility
- Use the reporting pathway in this Code for concerns and allow the appropriate club or competition process to occur

Supporters

Everyone attending in support of a player or team is expected to:

- Cheer positively and remember that the game is for the enjoyment and development of children
- Respect players, coaches, officials, volunteers and other spectators
- Remain outside restricted team and playing areas unless authorised
- Avoid abusive, offensive, discriminatory, threatening or disruptive language and behaviour
- Follow venue and club requirements, including any rules relating to smoking, vaping and alcohol

Coaches, Team Managers and Team Officials

Coaches, team managers and other team officials have an additional responsibility to model the standards expected across the club. Game Day Officials (GDOs) support a safe and respectful game day by observing conduct, giving calm reminders where safe, recording concerns and reporting serious issues to the Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).

- Prioritise the safety, wellbeing, inclusion and enjoyment of every player
- Treat children fairly and respectfully and provide encouragement appropriate to their age, ability and understanding
- Follow club and TBAWA requirements relevant to their role, including player participation and safety requirements
- Use appropriate language and never ridicule, shame, intimidate or humiliate a player for a mistake, performance or result
- Respect umpiring decisions and model good sportsmanship
- Protect confidential player and family information and only share it where necessary for safe participation or an appropriate club purpose
- Raise conduct, safety or child wellbeing concerns promptly with the MPIO or appropriate authorised person rather than attempting to investigate or determine serious matters themselves.



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Communication, social media and privacy

- Use team communication channels respectfully and only for appropriate team or club information
- Parents and guardians should be included in direct electronic communication with players
- Do not bully, harass, shame or publicly criticise players, families, coaches, officials, volunteers or the club online
- Do not share a child's personal information, private team information or an image of another child without the appropriate consent
- Follow any photo or media restrictions notified by the club or a parent/guardian
- Do not post content that is threatening, discriminatory, defamatory or likely to compromise a child's safety or privacy

Raising a concern

For routine team matters, speak privately with the team manager or coach at an appropriate time. If the concern involves that person, remains unresolved, is serious, or you are not comfortable raising it directly, contact the club's MPIO at rockinghamraptors@outlook.com

The MPIO can listen, explain options and club processes, provide information and support, and refer the matter to the appropriate authorised person or pathway. The MPIO does not normally investigate complaints, determine whether a breach occurred or decide disciplinary outcomes.

Do not approach another child about a complaint, game issue or alleged misconduct unless the child is your own and the conversation is appropriate.

What to include in a report

- Your name and contact details, unless you need to ask about another reporting option
- The date, time and location of the incident or concern
- What you saw, heard or experienced, using factual language
- The names of people involved and any witnesses, if known
- Any relevant messages, images or other records. Do not collect or circulate material if doing so could be unsafe or unlawful.

How the club will respond

The club will respond in line with its constitution, adopted policies, TBAWA requirements and applicable law. The club may take immediate, temporary steps to protect a child or preserve safety while it considers a concern. These steps do not determine that a breach occurred.

For conduct matters within the club's authority, the club will seek relevant information, give affected people a reasonable opportunity to respond, manage conflicts of interest and make a decision based on the information available. The club will share information only where reasonably necessary to respond, protect safety, meet legal obligations or obtain advice. The club cannot promise complete confidentiality.

A person who raises a genuine concern in good faith must not face retaliation. This protection does not prevent action where a report is knowingly false, malicious or itself breaches club rules.



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Possible responses to a breach

Where authorised by the club constitution, adopted policies or competition rules, a response may include:

- A reminder, education, guidance or an agreed way to correct the behaviour
- A verbal or written warning
- A behaviour support plan or behaviour agreement
- A direction to leave a training session, game, carnival, club event or venue
- Temporary restrictions or suspension from club activities while a serious matter is addressed
- Removal from a team or volunteer role where authorised
- Referral to TBAWA, WA Police, a child protection authority or another appropriate body
- Any other action available under the club constitution, adopted policies or applicable rules

The response will take account of safety, seriousness, context, the person's age and understanding, whether the behaviour was repeated, and any requirements imposed by a governing body or law.

Acknowledgement

Registration with Rockingham Raptors includes acknowledgement and acceptance of the Club Code of Conduct. Players, parents/guardians, supporters, coaches, team officials and volunteers are expected to uphold this code while participating in or supporting club activities. By registering with the Club, members acknowledge that any concerns and alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct will be managed in accordance with the policies, procedures and processes outlined by the Club. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the age appropriate expectations in this code with their child.

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