

PARENTS/GUARDIAN & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT



Parent/ guardians & spectators understand and agree to:

- ✓ Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment not yours;
- ✓ encourage children to participate, do not force them;
- ✓ focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing;
- ✓ encourage children to always participate according to the rules;
- ✓ never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a match. Positive comments are motivational
- ✓ remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams;
- ✓ support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- ✓ respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise;
- ✓ show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate;
- ✓ the consumption of alcohol and smoking is inappropriate at all junior football games;
- ✓ children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals;
- ✓ applaud good performances and efforts by your team and their opponents;
- ✓ congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the result;
- ✓ respect official decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise;
- ✓ condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or Players;
- ✓ show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no match.
- ✓ encourage players to play according to the rules and to obey official decisions;
- ✓ demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language, or harassing Players, coaches or officials.