

CODES OF ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- Remember that children participate in 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 always to play 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 competition.
- **Positive comments are motivational.**
- Remember that children learn best by example. **Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.**
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- **Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.**
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Signed: _____
Parent

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Player