

CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR PLAYERS:

Be the Player Everyone Wants on Their Team

Respect. Effort. Kindness. Teamwork. That's what great players are made of.

1. Show Respect – Always:

- Be respectful to coaches, referees, teammates, and opponents.
- Listen to your coach and follow instructions.
- Accept referee decisions – even if you don't agree.

2. Try Your Best:

- Play hard and give your best effort, no matter the score.
- Keep a positive attitude—even if you make a mistake.

3. Be a Good Teammate:

- Encourage your teammates and never put them down.
- Share the ball and play as a team.
- Celebrate team success, not just your own.

4. Play Fair:

- No pushing, tripping, or rough play.
- Use kind words and actions—no teasing, bullying, or name-calling.
- If someone gets hurt, tell the referee straight away.

5. Have Fun:

- Enjoy the game and be proud of yourself for trying.
- Remember, it's okay to make mistakes—that's how we learn.

What Happens If Rules Aren't Followed?

Referees may:

Give you a warning or time-out.

Speak to your parent or guardian.

In serious or repeated cases, you may miss some game time or sit out a game.

FOR COACHES:



Provide a safe, respectful, and developmentally appropriate environment for young players. Coaches and managers are role models and play a key role in shaping each child's sporting experience.

Prioritise Development Over Winning:

- Focus on skill development, teamwork, and enjoyment.
- Give all players fair playing opportunities regardless of ability.
- Avoid favouritism or criticism that damages confidence.

Lead by Example

- Display calm, respectful behaviour always.
- Encourage good sportsmanship from players and parents.
- Never argue with referees or opposing coaches—model composure under pressure.

Create a Safe and Inclusive Environment

- Ensure all players feel valued, included, and safe.
- Intervene immediately if you witness bullying or inappropriate behaviour.
- Follow all safeguarding protocols and duty of care requirements.

Respect Officials and the Game:

- Accept referee decisions without dispute—mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Communicate with officials respectfully, and only when appropriate.
- Never pressure referees or question calls during the game.

Manage the Sideline:

- Support and enforce the Sideline Behaviour Policy for spectators.
- Calmly address any inappropriate behaviour from parents or supporters.
- If needed, report issues to competition officials.

Know the Rules and Policies

- Understand competition rules and age-group guidelines.
- Follow all venue, safety, and Code of Conduct policies.
- Report any incidents or concerns promptly and professionally to your school co-ordinator to pass on to the league.

What Happens If Rules Aren't Followed?

If a coach or manager fails to meet these expectations, competition organisers may:

- Issue a verbal or written warning.
- Temporarily suspend or remove the individual from coaching duties.
- Escalate serious cases to the league or governing body for review.

FOR SPECTATORS



It encourages positive sideline behaviour from parents, guardians, and supporters during all games and team activities.

Positive Support Only

- Encourage all players, not just your own child.
- Cheer for effort, improvement, teamwork, and fair play.
- Applaud good plays from both teams.

Respect Coaches and Officials

- Allow coaches to coach.
- Allow referees to officiate without interference.
- No yelling at or questioning referees' decisions. Mistakes are part of learning for everyone – including officials.

Keep It Friendly and Age-Appropriate

- Always use respectful language – no swearing, name-calling, or aggressive tone.
- Remember this is a children's sport. Winning is great, but development and fun are the priorities.

Stay Off the Court

- Spectators must remain seated on the sideline
- Do not approach coaches, players, or referees during or immediately after games. Any issues should be raised later with team officials or event organisers in a calm manner.

Zero Tolerance for Abuse

- Verbal abuse, intimidation, or threatening behaviour toward any player, official, coach, or spectator will not be tolerated.
- Breaches may result in warnings, removal from the venue, or a ban from future events.

Be a Role Model

- Children learn from adult behaviour. Show them what respect, patience, and good sportsmanship look like—even when the game is close or emotions run high.

What Happens If Rules Aren't Followed?

Event organisers and referee have the authority to:

- Issue warnings.
- Ask individuals to leave the venue.
- Escalate serious or repeated incidents to the competition organiser for further action, including temporary or permanent bans