

# 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