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CODES OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Players Code of Behaviour

- ≡ Play by the rules.
- ≡ Never argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision approach the official after the match or speak to the Event Referee or Director.
- ≡ 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. Be honourable - do the right thing on and off the court.
- ≡ Be a good sport. Acknowledge good plays by your opponent.
- ≡ Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ≡ Cooperate with the event officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- ≡ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- ≡ Be clean, never fix an event. Always perform to the best of your abilities.
- ≡ Respects the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- ≡ It's healthy, it's a game, it's sport - enjoy it. Have fun training and competing at all levels.

Parents Code of Behaviour

- ⌘ Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- ⌘ 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 settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ⌘ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ⌘ Remember that children learn by best example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- ⌘ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ⌘ Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- ⌘ Be clean, never fix an event.
- ⌘ Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- ⌘ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches Code of Behaviour

- ⌘ Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- ⌘ Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- ⌘ Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- ⌘ Operate within the rules and spirit of our sport and teach your players to do the same. Never fix the outcome of an event.
- ⌘ Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- ⌘ Avoid devoting too much time to the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
- ⌘ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- ⌘ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- ⌘ Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ⌘ Obtain appropriate qualification and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ⌘ Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ⌘ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrators Code of Behaviour

- ⌘ Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- ⌘ Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- ⌘ Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- ⌘ Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- ⌘ Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- ⌘ Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasise awards.
- ⌘ Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- ⌘ Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs. Never fix the outcome of an event
- ⌘ Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players, and encourage them to follow it.
- ⌘ Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- ⌘ Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- ⌘ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Officials Code of Behaviour

- ⌘ Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and need of young people.
- ⌘ Compliment and encourage all participants.
- ⌘ Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- ⌘ Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- ⌘ Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- ⌘ Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
- ⌘ Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- ⌘ Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ⌘ Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- ⌘ Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- ⌘ Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- ⌘ Be clean, never fix and event

Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals. 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.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your player's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Be clean, never fix an event.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.