

## **A. ADMINISTRATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;
- (b) Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs;
- (c) Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others;
- (d) Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

## **B. PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game;
- (b) Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded;
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport;
- (d) Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team;
- (e) Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- (f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player;
- (g) Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
- (h) Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches;
- (i) Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you;
- (j) Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

## **C. COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- (b) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm,
- (c) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- (d) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- (e) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (f) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- (g) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play;
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
- (i) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;

- (j) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
- (k) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
- (l) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
- (m) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

## **D. PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, and not yours;
- (b) Encourage children to play according to the rules and spirit of the game;
- (c) Encourage all children to participate, do not force them;
- (d) Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing);
- (e) Encourage children to always participate according to the rules;
- (f) Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- (g) Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams;
- (h) Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- (i) Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise;
- (j) Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels;
- (k) 'Smart Supporting' – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and at all times positive;
- (l) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- (m) Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline.

## **E. SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome;
- (b) Respect the match official's decisions on the day;
- (c) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players;
- (d) Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game;
- (e) Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official;
- (f) Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club Officials or spectators.