

SPORTING CODES OF CONDUCT DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Cooperate with your team manager/coach, team-mates and opponents.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official; always abide by the referees/umpires' or judges' decision.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays by your team-mates or opposition.
- Encourage fellow team members.
- Control your temper and make no criticism either by word or gesture.
- Show **RESPECT** for yourself, your team mates, officials and your opponents.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of the mode of communication used, including digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, photos, email and text messages.
- Remain with your team in allocated areas when not competing.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.

PARENTS/CARERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children and young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Encourage participation for your child and other team members.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing in a competition.
- Encourage children to play by the rules and to settle disagreement without hostility or violence.
- Cooperate with teachers, managers and officials to achieve the best outcomes for your child.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect coaches/managers and officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate honest, effort and skilled performance by all participants. e.g. win or lose, selected or not selected in a team.
- Follow correct lines of communication for an issue or concern. Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and text messages.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol at any event conducted under school sport.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

TEACHERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage young people to develop basic skills in a variety of sports.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified sports over highly structured competition for primary school children
- Prepare young people for intra and inter- school competition by teaching the basic sport skills.
- Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation in sporting activities.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development.
- Help young people understand the differences between junior competition they participate in and professional sport.
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing as well as playing.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CONVENORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport, not just as a player but 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.
- Consider weather conditions and venue facilities and adjust activity where appropriate.
- Provide quality supervision, officiating and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise 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, rather than winning at all costs.
- Provide 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.
- Support implementation of Policy to ensure safety in action at the event.
- 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.

SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference and respect all decisions and teach young people to do the same.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Support skilled performances, effort and team play with generous applause. Value performance, regardless of results.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless the mode of communication used, including digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, photos, email and text messages.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol at any event conducted by school sport.
- Condemn the use of violence (verbal or physical) 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.

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs 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 (event) rather than the errors
- Encourage and promote rule changes that 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.