

CODES OF CONDUCT

Here are five codes of conduct developed by SPARC that reflect the different ways people are involved with clubs. You may want to tailor these Codes of Conduct to create one that's specific for your Centre/Club and volunteers.

Administrators

I will:

- create pathways for club members to participate not just as players but also as coaches, referees, administrators etc
- ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players
- ensure quality supervision and coaching for players
- remember that players participate for their enjoyment and benefit
- help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating
- ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play
- distribute a code of conduct to players, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- promote adherence to anti-doping policies.

I will not:

- arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions
- use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or spectators.

Coaches

I will:

- remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same
- ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the average players 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 including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.

- show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- promote adherence to anti-doping policies.

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Officials

I will:

- place the safety and welfare of players above all else
- show concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players
- avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words
- always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Game', trends and principles of their application
- refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

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Parents

I will:

- encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents

- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support my child's efforts and performance
- thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- help when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

I will not:

- pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game.

Players

I will:

- always play by the rules
- never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition
- control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport
- work equally hard for myself and my team
- be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition
- treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
- comply with anti-doping policies.

I will not:

- arrive at the venue or play sport while intoxicated