

### **Players Code of Behaviour \***

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- 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.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please others.
- In all cases, please respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- We should all acknowledge that game day is for the fun and enjoyment of the players. However, we can all share it with them and their families by making it a positive and exciting experience.

### **Spectators Code of Behaviour \***

- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, no one could participate in games.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

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*"These Codes of Behaviour identify a series of key principles on which young players, parents, coaches, teachers, administrators, officials, the media and spectators should base their sporting involvement. If adopted, the Codes will ensure that young people develop good sporting behaviours and have an enjoyable experience of sport, which will encourage them to remain involved throughout their lives"*