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## **BELL PARK SPORTS CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

### **GENERAL**

- Bell Park Sports Club Junior Football Committee has produced the following 'Codes of Behaviour.
- It is vital that all people involved in Junior Football, whether they are Players, Coaches, Parents, Officials or Supporters, understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy sport.
- Along with an understanding of the codes, Bell Park Sports Club Junior Football Committee asks everyone involved to support the principles behind the Codes, and to actively follow the practices outlined.

### **PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Always play by the rules.
- Arguing with an official is unacceptable. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Show self discipline. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good play whether it is by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Interfering with, bullying or taking unfair advantage of another player is unacceptable.
- Cooperate and show respect towards your coach, teammates and opponents at all times. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

### **PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- Ridiculing or yelling at a child for making a mistake or losing a game is inappropriate.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Acknowledge good play by all teams
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

### **COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Ridiculing or yelling at a child for making a mistake or losing is inappropriate.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules.
- Whenever possible, group players in appropriate age groups to ensure player safety.
- Ensure all players are given equal playing time. Over playing children can lead to fatigue and exhaustion.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development in children.



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#### **ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making.
- Give all children equal opportunities to participate.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment. 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 football emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players and encourage them to stick to it.
- Remember that you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

#### **OFFICIALS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
- 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 errors.
- Encourage and promote rules 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 knowledge of growth and development of children.
- Remember that you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

#### **SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Acknowledge good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants on the performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
- Ridiculing or scolding a child for making a mistake is inappropriate. Remember, positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
- The harassment of players, other parents, coaches or officials will not be tolerated.
- In the case of a breach of conduct, the Bell Park Sports Club Board of Directors will take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all involved in the sport.