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## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

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This Code of Behaviour aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved in sport. It should apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

- Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

### Athletes

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.

### Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Help each person (athlete, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.

- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

## Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

## Administrators

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

## Parents

- Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials.

## Spectators

- Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

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## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

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## Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of children and young people. Part of this is ensuring that children and young people are not left alone after practice or games.

## What we will do

- Make sure parents/guardians and children know the time and location of practice and games and when they can expect to collect their children.
- Request coaches and other sporting personnel to arrive before scheduled practice or game times.
- Give coaches a register of parent/guardian emergency contact numbers and make sure they have access to a phone.
- Ensure that if parents/guardians are late, coaches will try to make contact with them and:
  - ask the second to last child and their parent/ guardian to wait with the coach/official and the child
  - get parents/guardians to collect their children from the club room (e.g. if there is a club room where other people will be).
  - avoid transporting children to their homes unless permission has been given by parents/guardians.

## What we ask you to do

- Pick your children up on time or make other arrangements.
- Inform the coach and or team manager about any changes in arrangements for picking up your child.
- Whenever possible, stay and get involved in your child's activities, including practice and games, and to assist coaches in providing a fun and safe environment.