**Code of Conduct**

**Players**

1. Learn, play and respect the rules.
2. Respect the umpires, even if you don’t agree with their decisions.
3. Ensure that all players in the team feel included, regardless of their ability.
4. Be a good winner, as well as a good loser. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
5. Treat all participants in your game as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor or player.
6. If you are starting to lose your temper, take yourself off the field before getting sent off.
7. If you are unable to make the game, let your coach or manager know as soon as possible as this will affect the whole team. Failure to comply may lead to suspension.
8. Cooperate and support your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**Parents**

1. Focus on encouraging your team and not criticising members of either team or the umpires.
2. Allow the coach to do their job and don’t confuse the players by contradicting the coach during the game from the sidelines, even if it is your own child.
3. Try to ensure that the environment around the team is positive, regardless of the team’s performance on the field.
4. Don’t put undue emphasis on winning and ensure your child is gracious in victory. As long as your child tried their best, then that is all that is expected of them, regardless of the outcome.
5. The behaviour of your child is your responsibility, so ensure that they are not engaging in bullying, of either a verbal or physical nature.
6. Refrain from abusing umpires or any members of the opposition and their supporters.
7. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Whether, official, another family or player
9. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
10. If you suffer such abuse, report it to your team’s manager and the club will take appropriate action. Don’t take things into your own hands and escalate the situation.
11. Excessive criticism and negativity towards your own child impact’s the environment of the whole team and, as such, you may be asked to stop. It’s your child but it’s everyone’s team.

Failure to comply with any of these may end up in a sideline ban. It may also result in the team captain receiving a card

### Enforcement and Penalties

A breach of this code may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the coach, captain/team representative and/or Committee. Disciplinary action will depend on the severity of the breach, but may involve:

1. a verbal caution;
2. a sending off (for either a short period or the remainder of the game);
3. suspension;
4. in the case of serious or repeated breaches, cancellation of Club membership.

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