

Parents' Code of Behaviour

- If children are interested, encourage them to play sport. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force him or her.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that children learn best from example: applaud good plays by both teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honest in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for children and deserve your support.
- Be on time to collect children; coaches and managers are **not** child minders.