

CODE OF CONDUCT

When adopted by all participants in soccer, the Codes of Fair Play will ensure that young people will enjoy the experience and develop positive sporting behaviours, encouraging them to remain involved in soccer in different capacities throughout their lives.

Players

- Play by the rules and within the spirit of the game.
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach an official on your behalf at an appropriate time.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in soccer.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport; applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in soccer as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around. Hair accessories must also be safe. Be guided by the officials.
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorized drug(s), including alcohol at any time..
- Be a positive example to all those around you.

Parents

- Remember that children participate in 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 always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials. Be positive in your pitch side support and applause.
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from all soccer activities.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do likewise.
- Show your respect and appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol at any of the playing or training grounds.
- Be a positive example to all those around you.

Coaches

All persons coaching a team or teams within the PJSA structure must adhere to the following Code of Fair Play.

- Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at junior players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying talented players. All players deserve equal playing and training time, regardless of their ability.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes, but is not limited to opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Coaches are encouraged to obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principals of growth and development of young players.
- Any physical contact with a junior player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the players' developments.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.

Spectators

- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of the officials and teach junior players to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect of your teams opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the decisions of officials.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.