

Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival

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 organised 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 judgment and honesty 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 of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support

SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals
- Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Respect the officials' decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition. 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. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language harassing players, coaches or officials.

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COACHS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- **Ensure** that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.