



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

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### COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- (b) Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need and deserve equal time.
- (c) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- (d) Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- (e) Accept decisions of all umpires or referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- (f) Do not criticise players in front of spectators but reserve constructive criticism in private or in the presence of the team.
- (g) Do not criticise the opposing team or supporters by word or gesture.
- (h) Set a good example in personal appearance.
- (i) Emphasise that the winning of a game is the result of "team work".
- (j) Make every sporting activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
- (k) Emphasise that good sports are good students and are both physically and mentally alert.
- (l) Place the welfare and development of the individual team, and of the child, above win and loss records.

### PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- (b) Play by the rules.
- (c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- (d) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- (e) Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- (f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- (g) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

### SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Students play organised sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- (b) Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
- (e) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- (f) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- (g) Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
- (h) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.