#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

# Player

- 1. Play by the rules
- 2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager respectfully and politely approach the official during the break at the appropriate time.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- 4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your's.
- 5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- 6. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully of take unfair advantage of any other player.
- 7. Co-operate with your team coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- 8. Play the game for the fun of it, not just to please parents and coaches.

#### Coach

- 1. Remember children participate for their enjoyment and that winning is only a small part of the fun.
- 2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- 3. Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow rules.
- 5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable amount of success.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of your players.
- 7. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The average players need and deserve equal time.
- 8. Develop team respect for ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- 10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of the child.

### **Parent**

- 1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- 2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- 3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 4. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 5. Applaud good performance and effort by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the outcome.
- 6. Show respect for your team's coach, the referee and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- 7. Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language and not harassing administrators, coaches, playersorreferees. Condemnthe use of violence at all times.
- 8. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 9. Be a model of good behaviour for children to copy.
- 10. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- 11. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport.

#### IT'S JUST A GAME

## **Administrator**

- 1. Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- 2. Give all young people equal opportunity to participate.
- 3. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- 4. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- 5. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players
- 6. Ensure that everyone involved in junior games emphasises fair play and not winning at all costs.
- 7. Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- 8. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- 9. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.

### Director

This code whilst specific to Board Members of Clubs/Zones incorporated under the Companies Act, may apply equally to the rate of Committee Members of Clubs/Zones incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act.

- 1. A Director must act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the company as a whole.
- A Director has a duty to use due care and diligence in fulfilling the functions of office and exercising the powers attached to that office.
- 3. A Director must use the powers of office for a proper purpose, in the best interests of the company as a whole.
- 4. A Director must recognise that the primary responsibility is to the company, but should, where appropriate, have regard for the interests of all stakeholders.
- 5. A Director must not make improper use of information acquired as a Director.
- 6. A Director must not take improper advantage of the position of Director.
- 7. A Director must not allow personal interests or the interests of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of the company.
- 8. A Director has an obligation to be independent in judgement and actions and to take reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of all decisions taken by the Board.
- 9. Confidential information received by a Director in the course of the exercise of Directorial duties remains the property of the company from which it was obtained and it is improper to disclose it, or allow it to be disclosed, unless that disclosure has been authorised by the company, or the person from whom the information is provided, or is required by law.
- 10. A Director should not engage in conduct likely to bring discredit upon the company.
- **11.** A Director has an obligation, at all times, to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter of the law.