



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

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, teammates 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 official's 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.