



## **PARENTS CODE OF FAIR PLAY**

Encourage children to participate, if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them.

Focus upon the child's efforts, performances and skills rather than the overall outcome of the event ie winning or losing. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning. Children should be encouraged to be *process driven* rather than *result driven*.

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 participate according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility and violence.

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 performances and skilful plays by all participants.

If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning 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 all football activities.

Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition. The Club requires written confirmation from the player's physician BEFORE the player resumes training/competition.

Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.