



# Parent Code of Conduct

- ✓ If children are interested, encourage them to play sport. However if a child is not willing to play, do not force them.
- ✓ Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals relating to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- ✓ Teach children that an honest effort is important, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ✓ Teach children to be gracious winners and dignified losers.
- ✓ Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- ✓ Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- ✓ Remember children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ✓ Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- ✓ If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement 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 their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- ✓ **Any verbal or physical abuse by parents towards coaches, other parents, or children, will result in the school immediately suspending the child playing any sport for the team until the parent appears in front of the school Board of Trustees to explain their actions. The Board will decide if and when the child can return to their sports team.**