

## Introduction

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These Codes of Behaviour identify a series of key principles on which young players, parents, coaches, and spectators should base their sporting involvement. The Codes aim to ensure that young people develop good sporting behaviours and have an enjoyable experience of sport, which will encourage them to remain involved throughout their lives. The Codes remind and encourage all members of community to support and nurture all our young players. They provide the basis for fair play for young people and encourage fun, friends and safe environments. All those involved in sport that operates as part of The Ela Murray International School must agree to abide by these Codes.



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# ***Sporting Codes of Behaviour***

## Players

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- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made to your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Coaches

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- Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players, the 'just average' need and deserve equal time. Where there is more than one team in an age group that is 11 years and younger, the teams should be balanced and players given equal "field" time. For teams 12 years or over, grading is acceptable.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Ensure your players show and act on their concern for all injured players.
- Obtain qualifications and skills wherever possible to keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Respect the decisions of the referee or umpire.

## Parents and Spectators

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- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Teach children that an honest committed effort is as important as victory. The result of the game can then be accepted without over celebration or disappointment.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules of the game and in the spirit of fair play at all times.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Raise any concerns through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment in public. Officials give their time and effort for the player's benefit.
- 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.