

# METRO SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

## PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- A1.1 Play for your own enjoyment and benefit and not just to please parents/caregivers and coaches.
- A1.2 Play by the Rules
- A1.3 Respect the umpire's decision. Without them there would not be a competition.
- A1.4 Never argue with an official. If you have a problem, talk to your Coach or Team Manager.
- A1.5 Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- A1.6 Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
- A1.7 Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- A1.8 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- A1.9 Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- A1.10 Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

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## **PARENTS'/CAREGIVERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A2.1 Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
  - A2.2 Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
  - A2.3 Focus on the child's efforts and self esteem rather than winning or losing.
  - A2.4 Encourage children to always participate according to the Rules.
  - A2.5 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or the team losing a match.
  - A2.6 Respect the umpire's decisions and teach children to do likewise. Without them there would not be a competition.
  - A2.7 Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
  - A2.8 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
  - A2.9 Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials, administrators and umpires and teach your children to do the same. Without them your child could not participate.
  - A2.10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport

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## COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct applies to any coach or assistant coach associated with a team.

- A3.1 Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- A3.2 Involve the players (appropriately for their age) in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making.
- A3.3 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or the team for losing a match.
- A3.4 Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- A3.5 Operate within the Rules and spirit of the match and teach your players to do the same.
- A3.6 Respect the umpire's decision. Without them there would not be a competition.
- A3.7 Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities for success.
- A3.8 Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just average need and deserve equal time.
- A3.9 Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- A3.10 Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes umpires, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents/caregivers and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- A3.11 Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- A3.12 Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- A3.13 Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- A3.14 Any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or well being in the case of an injured player. Physical contact with an opposition player is unacceptable unless it is to assist with first aid for an injured player.
- A3.15 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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## **TEAM MANAGERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of conduct applies to any team manager or assistant team manager associated with a team.

- A4.1 As for the Coaches' code of conduct.
- A4.2 Make coaches, players, parents/caregivers and spectators aware of the codes of conduct and encourage them to stick to them.
- A4.3 Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

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## **FIELD UMPIRES' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A5.1 Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- A5.2 Compliment and encourage participants.
- A5.3 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or the team for losing a match.
- A5.4 Operate within the Rules and spirit of the match.
- A5.5 Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes umpires, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents/caregivers and spectators.
- A5.6 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- A5.7 Physical contact with any player is unacceptable unless it is to assist with first aid for an injured player.

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## **TEAM AND MATCH OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of conduct applies to any team or match official associated with a team, other than the coaches (refer to A3), team managers (refer to A4) and field umpires (refer to A5).

- A6.1 As for the field umpires' code of conduct A5.1 to A5.6.
- A6.2 Respect the field umpire's decision. Without them there would not be a competition.
- A6.3 For trainers, any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's physical preparation or well being in the case of an injured player. Physical contact with an opposition player is unacceptable unless it is to assist with first aid for an injured player.
- A6.4 For all other team and match officials, any physical contact with a player is unacceptable unless it is to assist with first aid for an injured player.

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## **LEAGUE EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIALS' AND CLUB OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A7.1 Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- A7.2 Give all children equal opportunities to participate.
- A7.3 Ensure that Rules, equipment, length of matches and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants.
- A7.4 Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- A7.5 Remember that children participate for enjoyment. Don't over-emphasise awards.
- A7.6 Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
- A7.7 Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- A7.8 Support the implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- A7.9 Modify Rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
- A7.10 Compliment and encourage all participants.
- A7.11 Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- A7.12 Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- A7.13 Emphasise the spirit of the match rather than errors.
- A7.14 Encourage and promote rule chances which will make participation more enjoyable.
- A7.15 Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- A7.16 Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children.
- A7.17 Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- A7.18 Physical contact with any player is unacceptable unless it is to assist with first aid for an injured player.
- A7.19 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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## **OTHER CLUB MEMBERS AND SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A8.1 Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- A8.2 Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the match's outcome.
- A8.3 Respect the umpire's decision. Without them there would not be a competition.
- A8.4 Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- A8.5 Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- A8.6 Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- A8.7 Show respect for your team's opponents and spectators. Without them there would be no match.
- A8.8 Encourage players to follow the Rules and play within the spirit of the match.
- A8.9 Do not use foul language, sledge or harass umpires, players, coaches, officials or administrators.
- A8.10 Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are unacceptable at junior sport.
- A8.11 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.