# Stockton Sharks Junior Football Club is keen to promote our sport as a fun and enjoyable activity for all members. We have several core values that we expect everyone to accept; whether they are playing, coaching, officiating or watching a game. Any player, or associate of a player, acting contrary to this Code may be responsible for the player having their membership of Stockton Sharks JFC revoked.

Parents and carers have a responsibility to support your child’s football activities in a positive way on and off the field. This includes being a role model and encouraging good behaviour in not only your own child but also their team mates, coach, manager and other spectators.

Supporting your child and their team is natural, but it needs to be done in a positive and supportive way in a harassment - free environment.

Parents are required to:

* remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours;
* encourage children to participate, do not force them;
* focus on your child’s efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose;
* encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence;
* never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition;
* remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants;
* support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
* respect officials’ 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;