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## **PARENTS AND SPECTATOR CODES OF CONDUCT**

1. Encourage players to participate if they are interested. However, if a player is not willing do not force them.
2. Focus upon the player's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the player in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach players that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decision.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that players should be involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
7. Remember that players learn best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
8. If you disagree with an official or umpire raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for all players and deserve your support.
11. Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the league and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
12. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
13. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.