



Canterbury District Soccer Football Association

Code of Conduct

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Official Code of Conduct

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give junior players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Players Code of Fair Play

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

Parents Code of Fair Play

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always 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 game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all of soccer's activities.
- Respect official's 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.

Coaches Code of Fair Play

- Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a junior players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in you demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- 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, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Any physical contact with a junior player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Teachers Code of Fair Play

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give junior players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrators Code of Fair Play

- Provide opportunity for involvement of young players in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to their activity.
- Give all young players equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young players to participate in soccer not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young players participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of Fair Play sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of Soccer Australia's National Junior Development Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young players in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectators Code of Fair Play

- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach junior players to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Media Code of Fair Play

- Provide coverage of junior soccer activities as well as reporting adult soccer matches.
- Be aware of the differences between adult soccer, professional soccer and modified sports programs for junior players.
- Don't highlight isolated incidents of inappropriate sporting behaviour.
- Focus upon a young player's fair play and honest effort.
- Do not place unfair expectations on junior players. They are not miniature professionals.
- Focus on the abilities and not the disabilities of junior players and the sport.
- Avoid reinforcing stereotypical views on the involvement of boys/girls in soccer.
- Give equal time and space to reporting boys and girls soccer activities.
- Familiarise yourself with Soccer Australia's Junior Development Policy.
- Do not highlight isolated incident of inappropriate behaviour by parents.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.