



CHBA seeks to create a friendly and supportive environment for all participants. The following Codes of Behaviour are meant to guide your participation in our sport.

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Players' Code of Behaviour



1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

Coaches' Code of Behaviour



1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow the rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just average need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgements of officials and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.
11. Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
12. Our competition supervisor and referee supervisor are there if you like to raise concerns about officiating.

Spectators' Code of Behaviour



1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

Officials' Code of Behaviour



1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest rules and trends in officiating and knowledge about the growth and development of children.
9. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments on and off the court should be positive and supportive.

CHBA acknowledges the Australian Sports Commission's input in the content of this publication. A more extensive copy of our By Laws including behaviour policies can be accessed on our website.

We welcome your comments on our competitions and our staff.

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