**Coaches, Team Officials, Parents & Supporters**

**WINNING IS IMPORTANT BUT WE DO NOT WIN AT ALL COST**

* Coach - don’t barrack
* ****Concentrate on developing skill
* Don’t focus on the opposition’s dubious tactics;
* Praise in public, criticise in private; don’t yell at the players;
* Play within the rules; teach the players to play hard but play fair;
* All players must get equal opportunity to play; irrespective of ability;
* All players are to receive equal match time up to and including under 12’s;
* Under13’s to under 15’s should play at least ½ a game;
* Match time for Under 16 & Under17 is at the coach’s discretion;
* Match times are subject to consistent attendance at games and training by players.

**BE THE ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR TEAM**

* Stay calm, don’t abuse the umpire or dispute an umpire’s decision. Remember most umpires are young and are learning the game too;
* Treat all players and parents with respect;
* No swearing; bad language does not win games;
* Treat club and opposition equipment and facilities as if they are your own;
* Recognise players regardless of their individual ability;
* Use the runner to deliver messages; avoiding yelling at players on the ground;
* Avoid confrontation with opposing clubs’ officials and spectators at all costs;
* Club jackets or polo shirts should be worn when representing the club.

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**BUILD SELF ESTEEM IN YOUR TEAM**

* Teach players that racial, religious or colour vilification is unacceptable;
* Provide positive feedback and constant encouragement to your team;
* Teach the players that a champion team will always beat a team of champions;
* Ensure that playing the game and training is fun for all;
* Praise the team effort.

**KNOW THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

* Coach the players to respect the umpire and the umpire’s decisions, all the time;
* Teach the players the importance of modified rules;
* Ensure that your team wears correct uniforms;
* Wearing of mouthguards is compulsory;
* If a report or any other incident concerning your team is brought to your attention, notify the club’s “Vice President Juniors” as soon as possible;
* Coaches are ambassadors for our club; our objective is “Happy Players, Happy Parents”.