

The wording of this code has been taken directly from the FFA's *Coach's Code of Ethics* and the FFA's *Respect* campaign

#### **This code is designed:**

- To make adults including parents, coaches and managers aware that young player's play soccer to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their own peer group.
- To remind administrators, coaches, managers, referees and parents that soccer must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those young people who wish to play soccer, as ultimately "It is their game".

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## **Coaches Code of Ethics**

I will ...

- always remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- respect all players individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- never ridicule or yell at junior players for making a mistake or not winning.
- avoid overplaying the talented players; all players need and deserve equal game time.
- ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- refrain from arguing with the referee and / or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- coach/manage my player's to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of soccer (football).
- be professional and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- avoid any physical contact with the players and should it be required it would be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- make a commitment to my team, and myself that I will continue to improve my own knowledge of the game through coach education and various training programs.
- refrain from any form of personal abuse or harassment towards my players. Also be aware to any forms of abuse directed towards my players from other sources whilst they are in my care.
- show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- be reasonable in demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure that everyone is treated equally.