



BL&GFA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CODES OF CONDUCT

1. Coaches Code of Conduct

- 1.1. Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation.
- 1.2. Remember that you are a role model for a large number of impressionable children.
- 1.3. Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- 1.4. Teach your players that the rules of sport are mutual agreements that no one should evade or break.
- 1.5. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
- 1.6. Never ridicule or yell at children for making mistakes, encourage them. The Club needs as many players as possible, consequently additional effort is sometimes required for the ones that are not as skilled or motivated.
- 1.7. Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- 1.8. The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- 1.9. Encourage children to develop basic skills and discourage specialising in any one playing position.
- 1.10. Encourage children to participate in all aspects of the game and the Club.
- 1.11. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches. Encourage umpires as without them players cannot play.
- 1.12. Ensure the players consider the standard of umpiring available and do not get distracted by umpiring decisions.
- 1.13. Following the advice of a physician when determining an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- 1.14. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

2. Players Code of Conduct

- 2.1. Learn the rules of the game and always play by them.
- 2.2. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Its performance will benefit and so will you.
- 2.3. Be a good sport. Applaud all players for good plays whether they are on your team or the other team.
- 2.4. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach and ask him to address the issues through appropriate channels. Do not be distracted by umpiring decisions, get on with the game.
- 2.5. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent and any form of violence is neither acceptable nor permitted in any sport.
- 2.6. Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, spitting etc.
- 2.7. Do not vilify other players, especially in relation to their sex, race, culture, or appearance.
- 2.8. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- 2.9. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates, and opponents.
- 2.10. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

3. Parents, officials, and Spectators Code of Conduct

- 3.1. Remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 3.2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- 3.3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 3.4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- 3.5. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- 3.6. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, officials, coaches, or players.
- 3.7. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- 3.8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the officials' judgement and honesty in public.
- 3.9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- 3.10. Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- 3.11. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and other officials, and better still be involved yourself. Without these volunteers your child could not participate.

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I have read and agree to abide by the above BL&GFA Junior Football Codes of Conduct:

Player's name _____ Player's signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____