

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Parents/guardians have a great influence on children’s enjoyment and success in

football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it’s fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football it is important to reinforce that positive encouragement will contribute to:

* Children enjoying football.
* A sense of personal achievement.
* Improved self-esteem.
* Improving the child’s skills and techniques.

A parent/ guardian’s expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child’s attitude towards:

* Other players.
* Officials.
* Managers.
* Spectators.

**Recommendations:**

**Support your child.** A parent/guardian should

* Make every effort to support and encourage the child to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and physical fitness.
* Make every effort to support and provide education in respect of the importance of leading an appropriate and healthy lifestyle in relation to rest, diet, behaviour and school work.

**Parent / guardian behaviour**. A parent / guardian should:

* Never use inappropriate language at any time in front of the child and team.
* Resist from giving any coaching and guidance, which may influence the decisions of the child while playing a game or in training.
* Refrain from showing disrespect towards the opposition and officials at all times.
* Never approach any coach, player, opponent or official after any game.
* Lead by example and set high standards in relation to their own conduct and behaviour.
* Provide support and encouragement towards creating a positive environment which allows the child to demonstrate their potential.
* Agree and adhere to the club’s Code of Conduct and other policies.