# Sample Codes of Conduct

## Purpose

To ensure that all players, members, spectators, officials and volunteers have a very clear understanding of the behavior that is expected from everyone and to make it clearly understood that breaches of these codes will result in disciplinary action.

***COACHES*** are required to:

* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
* Support, encourage and involve all players regardless of their talent level
* Never ridicule or yell at players for errors or poor performance
* Always consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before performance and results
* Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results
* Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behavior both on and off the field
* Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with all participants
* Ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of participants
* Promote the positive aspects of the sport (eg fair play)
* Always respect the official’s decision and support them to carry out their role
* Display consistently high standards of good sporting behaviour and appearance
* Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club
* Hold appropriate valid qualifications before commencing to coach
* Never condone rule violations, unfair or unduly rough play or the use of prohibited substances
* Never smoke or drink alcohol whist in an official capacity
* Never use offensive language or behavior
* To act as a role model at all times.

**PLAYERS** are required to:

* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
* Play by the rules and respect the umpire’s decisions
* Display good sporting behavior at all times
* Never use offensive language or behavior towards anyone or engage in sledging or bullying of any person
* Co-operate with your coach
* Adhere to club policies including smoke-free areas and liquor license requirements
* Never behave in a manner that would damage the reputation of the club either on or off the field

**VOLUNTEERS** and **SPECTATORS** are required to:

* Act as good role models and ambassadors for the club at all times
* Always welcome opposition players, spectators, officials etc to the club
* Never use offensive language or behavior
* Treat all everyone including the opposition with respect regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
* Display consistently high standards of good sporting behavior including respecting the official’s decisions
* Adhere to the smoke-free policies of the club and not to smoke anywhere at the venue during junior events
* Not to consume alcohol in any place other than where the club’s license allows
* To consume alcohol responsibly at all times at the club
* Adhere to and support the club policies
* Be trustworthy

Your club may wish to ask people to sign off on the Codes e.g .This can be done as part of the Registration process.

I have read and agree to abide by the Codes of Conduct and understand that if I breach any of the Codes, disciplinary action will result.

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| Date: |  |
| Signature: |  |

Parent signature to accompany where the participant is under 18.

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| Parent’s name: |  |
| Date: |  |
| Signature: |  |