

## **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Parents are also responsible for their conduct at games.

### **All parents at training or games will:**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not mine.
- Encourage children to participate and will not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all Football activities.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do likewise.
- Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the organization.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, the children could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be kind to the child's coach, other volunteers including committee members and to the officials. The coach/manager, committee members are volunteers - giving personal time to provide a recreational activity for the children. They are providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction.
- Believe that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- Refrain from speaking to officials, unless it is to say thank you after the game. If there are questions or concerns with the referees, the parent will speak to the coach/manager after the game or at practice.
- Understand that their attitude can influence the players, coaches and spectators.
- Demand a sports environment for the child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Be sure the child is available for most practices and games. Practices are as important as games. Children who simply don't show up for practice and/or games are letting everybody down. If a parent knows the child is unable to attend a practice or game, they will give the coach/manager advance notice to enable proper planning.
- Report to the coach/manager all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may affect the player.
- Send the child ready to play. The child will be dressed in uniform and will arrive on time.

- Attend the Westlawn Tigers Football club Disciplinary Committee when required to discuss, comment, report on or provide feedback on any disciplinary matter that is being addressed that I may have been involved with.