

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

EDNA will take all reasonable steps to promote an environment free from abuse, discrimination and harassment. They will be committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well being of children is maintained at all times during their participation in competitions. NEW 2/2/12

All players, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators are to abide by the Code of Conduct; Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone who is found to be in breach of this Code. (See Fines, See Penalties) NEW 2/2/12

### **THE EDNA CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOUR**

**EDNA has a zero tolerance policy towards all unsportsmanlike behaviour. This includes but is not limited to violence, foul language or harassment towards players, coaches, parents, spectators or officials and is not acceptable.**

#### **PLAYERS CODE**

1. Learn the rules of the game and play fairly by them at all times.
2. Work hard for your team, your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
3. Be a good sport, cheer all good play whether it is by your team or the opposition.
4. Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated.
5. Never argue with an official. If you require clarification have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
6. Cooperate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials at all times, for without them there would be no game.

#### **PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE**

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports, but if they want to play and join a team, then don't like it, encourage them to do their best, finish the season and not let the team down.
2. Remember, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and focus on the efforts by your team AND the opponents rather than the overall game's outcome.
6. Respect the official's decision. If you disagree with an official; raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for the participant's involvement.

#### **COACHES CODE**

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
2. Coaching comments should consist of positive reinforcement and comments and avoiding negative comments at all costs.
3. Avoid over-playing the talented players, all players need and deserve equal time.
4. Provide suitable rotation opportunities for players in positions.
5. Develop team respect for the ability of players within your own team, the opposition as well as judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
6. Be a positive role model for your players and the sport.
7. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and with the rules of the game, constitution and by-laws.

#### **UMPIRES CODE (AND OR OFFICIALS)**

1. Provide a safe environment so that everyone involved can enjoy the game.
2. Maintain professionalism through dress code, equity and punctuality.
3. Enjoy yourself and enjoy what you do
4. Develop a rapport with players, but remain impartial and maintain integrity in your relationship with players, coaches and other umpires.

5. Don't allow team issues and sideline distractions to affect your umpiring –stay focused.
6. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
7. Be current with umpiring procedures and protocols and apply them effectively and efficiently.
8. Treat everyone involved in the game as you yourself would like to be treated.

**NOTE:**

**Whilst within the EDNA court areas, all players, coaches, parents and spectators are representing their clubs and shall be accountable for their actions. NEW 11/10/10**