

The Australian Sports Commission - Active Australia has developed the "Codes of Behaviour" to remind and encourage all Australians involved in junior sport to support and nurture all our young players. The Codes of Behaviour provide the basis for fair play for young people and encourage fun, friends and safe environments.

# **Players Code of Behaviour**

- Play by the rules,
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach approach the official during a break or after the competition,
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport,

• Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you,

• Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or by the opposition,

• Treat all participants in soccer as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor,

• Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition,

• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches,

• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

# Parents Code of Behaviour

• Remember that children participate in soccer for their enjoyment, not yours,

• Encourage children to participate, do not force them,

• Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose,

• Encourage children 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 competition and/or a game,

• Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants,

- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities,
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise,
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate,

• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Coaches Code of Behaviour**

• Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun,

• Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first,

• Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm,

• Operate within the rules and spirit of soccer and teach your players to do the same,

• Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities,

• Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time,

• Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players,

• Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same,

• Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition,

• Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people,

• Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development,

• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

# **Spectators Code of Behaviour**

• Remember that young people participate in soccer for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours,

• Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome,

• Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same,

• Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational,

• Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players,

• Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game,

• Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions,

- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials,
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Players Code of Conduct**

• At all times play with an attitude that upholds the aims and objectives of Real Brazil. Think of Real Brazil and soccer's interests before your own. Encourage your team to play fairly at all times. Help others on the game to have as much enjoyment from the game as you do,

• Play for the fun of it. Never set out to lose. If you do, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself,

• Play Fair. Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair play also has its reward, even when the game is lost,

• Observe the Laws of the Game. All games need rules to guide them. Without rules there would be chaos. The rules governing our game are simple and easy to learn. Make an effort to learn them, so you understand the game better. By sticking to the rules you will enjoy your game more,

• Respect Opponents, Team Mates, Referees, Officials and Spectators. Fair Play means respect. Without opponents there can be no game. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected. Your team mates are your colleagues. You form a team in which all members are equal. Referees are there to maintain discipline and fair play. Always accept their decisions without arguing, and help them to help you enjoy your game more,

• Accept defeat with dignity. Nobody wins all the time. You will win some and you will lose some matches. Learn to lose graciously. Do not seek excuses for defeat. Genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Do not blame the referee or anyone else. Determine to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners,

• Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted at BFC sanctioned games,

• Reject Corruption, Drugs, Racism and Violence. Watch out and report to officials any evidence of these things on and off the park at our games. Treat all players and everyone else equally, regardless of their skin colour, religious beliefs or origin,

• Honour those who defend and uphold the aims and objectives of Real Brazil. The good name of soccer and Real Brazil has survived because the vast majority of people who support and play in our competition are honest and fair. Sometimes somebody does something exceptional that deserves our special recognition. They should be honoured and their fine example made public. This encourages others to act in the same way,

• Help promote the association by publicising its good deeds

### Team Managers & Coaches Code of Conduct

• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved in Real Brazil sanctioned games of soccer (players, spectators, officials etc),

• Ensure that the time the players spend with you is a positive one, including being a role model and mentor for your players,

• Each player is a unique and valued individual. Managers and coaches are to at all times respect this and ensure that all players are encouraged to strive for excellence on and off the field,

• Be fair, honest, considerate and respecting of all players and match officials, and encourage your players to do likewise,

• At all times, act professionally and unselfishly, accept responsibility for your own and your teams actions,

• Commit to know and operate within the rules and the spirit of the game as set down in the constitution and season rules of Real Brazil,

• Be positive in all your verbal and nonverbal communications with all players both your own and your opposition, spectators and match officials at all times.

• Actively support all efforts by Real Brazil to remove verbal and physical abuse from the sport,

• At all times, provide a safe, supportive and organised environment for all players, spectators and match officials,

• Team managers are to respect the right of an individual team manager to prepare his/her team before a game without interruption. Communication should be with the team manager only and no approaches should be made to players without the team manager first consenting.