

# CRONULLA RSL YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

A Division of Cronulla RSL Sub-Branch Youth Club Inc.

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## CODES OF CONDUCT

It is vital that all people involved in sporting activities, whether they are players, parents, or supporters understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy junior sport. Along with an understanding of the codes, the Cronulla RSL Youth Soccer Club asks all Club Members to support the principles behind the codes and to actively follow the practices outlined below.

## PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the Rules
- Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players or deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition
- Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches
- Remove all jewelry prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorized drug(s)



## PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, and not yours
- Encourage all children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing)
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams
- Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sport
- Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise
- Show respect and appreciation to club volunteers, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline

## SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember all children play football for their enjoyment, not just yours
- Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome
- Respect the match official's decisions on the day and teach children to do the same
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake before, during or after the game, as this may deter that child from continuing in the sport
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official
- Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, club officials or spectators



## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for not winning games
- Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- Always operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- Avoid overplaying the talented player the less developed players need and deserve equal time on the playing field
- Whenever possible, adjust the positions of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success
- Ensure that the 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 the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of parents or a doctor when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition games
- Where possible obtain appropriate coaching qualifications and/or keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth development and conditioning of junior players
- Any physical contact by the coach with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Be fair, considerate and honest with your player
- Be a positive role model for your players on and off the field



## ADMINISTRATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all young people the opportunity to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport, not just as a player, but also as a coach, referee, Club official etc.
- Ensure that rules are explained and adhered to, equipment is maintained in a safe condition and training schedules are arranged to suit the various age groups.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for juniors.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasize success awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standard of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in our sport emphasizes fair play and does place excessive importance on winning.
- Ensure all players, spectators, parents, coaches, managers and officials are aware of the Code of Conduct for the Club and encourage all to follow it.
- Remember you set the example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support all National Policies in regard to code of conduct and child protection.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Be a "good sport", actions speak louder than words.
- Do not interfere with the progress and or conduct of a game unless called upon to do so by an Official.
- Abide by the Referee's decisions.