PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. **Encourage** children to participate through their own interest and enjoyment, not yours. Support their participation and do not force them.
- 2. Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- 3. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 4. Teach children that an **honest effort** is always as important as a victory, so that

the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

- 5. Focus on **developing skills** and **playing the game**. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- 6. A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- 7. **Do not criticise your children** in front of others. Reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- 8. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- 9. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture.
- 10. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- 11. **Support all efforts** to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- 12. **Respect the rights** of others and avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- 13. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without

them, your child could not participate.

14. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Always be supportive of your child and his or her team mates. They are all doing their best.