

## **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Adults at all times should be aware of 'child safe' guidelines**

### **Parents/Guardians will;**

- Set a good example at all times
- Encourage my child to play by the laws of the game
- Not criticize mistakes (players need to be encouraged to learn by trying things in the game and a fear of failure will stifle creativity)
- Support and encourage all players, including the opposition
- Never publicly criticize my child or other players
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Will not question or criticize decisions made by the referees/officials
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators (without them, your child could not participate).
- Support my child's coach
- Recognize that the coaching staff is following a long term programme of development with my child
- Avoid pressuring the players about winning or losing
- Praise effort to help develop my child's intrinsic motivation
- Focus on performance (the style of play) rather than winning or losing
- Not coach from the side-line (the only information given to the players should come from the coach)
- Discuss any concerns with the Member Protection Officer about my child's welfare and development