

RICHMOND MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

Fair Play Codes for Athletes

- 1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- 2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
- 3. I will control my temper fighting and mouthing off can spoil the activity for everyone.
- 4. I will respect my opponents.
- 5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
- 6. I will remember that winning isn't everything having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- 7. I will acknowledge all good players/performances those of my team and of my opponents.
- 8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Fair Play Codes for Coaches

- 1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- 2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- 3. I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- 4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- 5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- 6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- 7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

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Fair Play Codes for Parents

- 1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his/her enjoyment, not for mine.
- 3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- 5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- 6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- 8. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
- 9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- 10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.