



CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR PARENTS

Parents have a powerful influence on the level of fun and enjoyment which children derive from the game and on the degree of enthusiasm with which they participate in it.

Positive encouragement is the key to a child's enjoyment of the game, their sense of personal achievement, the development of their skill levels and their self-esteem.

- Parents should avoid coaching their child during the game.
- Parents should not shout and scream.
- Parents should respect the decisions of the match officials.
- Parents should give attention to each participating child, and not just to the most talented.





CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR SPECTATORS

**SPECTATORS CONVEY TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY
THE VALUES OF THE GAME.**

- Spectators should appreciate the opposition as well as their own team.
- Spectators should be respectful towards all players whilst on the field of play, regardless of nationality, race, religion or other affiliations.
- Spectators should show appreciation of the efforts of all players who are substituted.





CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR MENTORS

Managers/Coaches are key to the establishment of good practices in football. Their attitude to the game directly informs the attitude of the players under their supervision. Mentors must speak and act in a manner consistent with this reality.

- A Mentor must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- A Mentor must not subscribe to the ethos of “win at all costs”.
- A Mentor must strive to develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- A Mentor must guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- A Mentor must exercise authority and control over the players under his/her stewardship particularly whilst on the field of play and with regard to the decisions of match officials.
- A Mentor must always promote a positive approach to the game e.g. fair play, honest endeavour and genuine team work.

