

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Winning at any sport is a vital part of sporting tradition but this is not as important as the “spirit of the game”. This spirit stems from a commitment to fair play and children see winning as only a small part of their motivation.

Coaches and Managers Code of Behaviour

- * be aware that children will emulate your behaviour both on and off the field.
- * be reasonable in your demands on young players.
- * all players regardless of ability deserve equal consideration when selecting your team each week.
- * children play for fun and enjoyment. Don't ridicule mistakes.
- * teach players that the rules of sport should be followed, not broken.
- * plan training so players are “learning by doing”. Too much talk creates boredom.
- * develop team respect for opponents and officials from both teams.
- * referees are only human and will make mistakes. Teach players to respect that.

Parents Code of Behaviour

- * encourage a child to participate but do not force them if they are not willing.
- * honest effort is as important as winning. Accept results without disappointment.
- * never ridicule or yell at a child for making mistakes or losing the game.
- * children are involved for their enjoyment, not for their parents.
- * children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- * do not question judgement of officials in public. They are volunteers giving their time and effort for your child's enjoyment.
- * recognise the importance of your child's coach. They give up their time and deserve your support.
- * eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.

Players Code of Behaviour

- * play by the rules.
- * never argue with officials. Disagreements should be discussed with your coach or manager during a break or after the game.
- * control your temper. Abuse of opponents or officials is not allowed in any sport.
- * work equally hard for yourself and your team and both will benefit.
- * be a good sport. Applaud good plays by your team and your opponents.
- * treat all players the way you would like to be treated yourself.
- * co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- * play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.

