

## **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR PARENTS**

- I will not force my child to participate in sport.
- I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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 or event.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good play/performance by both my child's team and opponents.
- I will never question the official's judgement or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches/managers/officials who gave their time to provide sporting opportunities for my child.
- I will make only positive, encouraging comments to players on both teams.
- I will remember that making mistakes is part of the learning curve.
- I will discuss my concerns away from the team and in particular away from my child.
- I will respect the officials.
- I will focus on fun and participation rather than winning or losing.
- I will ask my child if they had fun. Then ask why and why not.
- I will control my emotions.
- I will learn the rules of the sport.
- I will not undermine team morale.
- I will let the coaches know if my child will be missing a practice.

LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A YOUTH SPORT AND EVEN THOUGH WE WISH FOR OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE FUN.