18. Player and Parent Code of Conduct

Player expectations

Players are expected to treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and other participants with respect; follow safety instructions; use equipment properly; arrive ready to take part; and avoid bullying, abusive language, discriminatory behaviour or deliberate unsafe conduct.

Parent and spectator expectations

Parents and spectators should encourage players positively, respect coaches and officials, raise concerns calmly through the appropriate channel and avoid pressuring, humiliating or comparing children in harmful ways. Coaching decisions should be discussed respectfully and not during an active session in a way that undermines safety.

Consequences

Where behaviour falls below the expected standard, the coach may speak to the player or parent, set clear expectations, involve the business owner or temporarily remove a person from an activity if necessary for safety. Serious or repeated conduct may result in suspension or termination of participation, with decisions made fairly and consistently.

Shared values

The programme values effort, learning, respect, resilience, confidence and development. Winning or selection never justifies unsafe, abusive or discriminatory behaviour.