



STRATHCONA MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (S.C.M.F.A.) CODE OF CONDUCT

AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Remember that winning isn't everything-that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are as important.
- Do my best to be a true team player.
- Control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- Acknowledge all good plays/performances-those of my team and of my opponents.
- Respect my opponents.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me and I will show them respect.

AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Not force my child to participate in sports.
- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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.
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Never question the official's judgment.
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will be on my best behavior at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers.
- I will be responsible to ensure attending guests also abide by this Code of Conduct.

AS A COACH I WILL:

- Ensure that all athletes get fair playing time, instruction and support.
- Be reasonable when scheduling practices, remembering that young athletes have other interest and obligations.
- Work in partnership with parents and players.
- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- Teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- 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.
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will treat other coaches, players and referees with respect.

I/We have read and understand the above Code of Conduct.

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