



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Overview**

The aim of the Code of Conduct is to provide an agreed upon document that outlines the aims and responsibilities of all people involved in teams; coaches, players and parents. In the end, the idea is to have fun, enjoy team spirit and play the game in a responsible, fair way. The Code of Conduct of the AICBL will be an underpinning tool to the league rules and regulations of the league. All players, coaches, parents and even spectators should adhere to the codes. Copies of the Codes of Conducts should be distributed to members and discussed accordingly. An overview of the role of the Game Supervisor that oversees that the Conduct is being implemented at games will be made available on the website [www.aicbl.com.hk](http://www.aicbl.com.hk)

### **Player code of conduct:**

1. Play within the rules of the game
2. Play the game in a spirit of fairness
3. Be sporting at all times
4. Respect the decisions of all officials whether you agree with them or not, their decision is final
5. Do not use abusive language or gestures
6. Always shake hands at the end of a game whether it is a win, loss or draw
7. Any incidences stay on the field and there should be no 'afters'
8. Strive to win but it is not the most important thing
9. Respect your opposition and their coaching staff
10. Learn the laws and know how to referee
11. Your team mates are your friends, treat them like you would want to be treated

### **Coach code of conduct:**

1. Be prepared for every session
2. Always be on time for sessions and matches
3. Take care of all of your players equally
4. Know the ability and level of development in your players so as to match your sessions to them personally
5. Teach your players the meaning of 'fair play' and encourage them to play that way
6. Do not undermine the officials in any way and do not allow this behaviour from your players
7. Do not coach under the influence of drugs or alcohol
8. Do not smoke while coaching
9. Do not ridicule or belittle players
10. Dress in an appropriate, prepared manner
11. Interact with parents and listen carefully to any concerns they may have
12. Make sure all equipment and facilities are safe
13. Never 'join in' with drills or games, this is dangerous
14. Learn the laws and know how to referee
15. Be generous with your praise and gain respect by being fair

16. Understand that children are very sensitive to criticism and any negative comments should be surrounded by positive ones

Remember, the children you coach look at you as a role model. Everything you do during training sessions, matches and tournaments is seen as an example. Do not let them down by acting inappropriately.

#### **Parent code of conduct:**

1. No child should ever be forced to participate
2. When watching remember that your child will want to impress you and not feel threatened by you
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game
4. Do not undermine the officials in any way
5. Do not put excessive emphasis on winning, losing can still supply children with valuable learning experiences
6. Do not use abusive language or gestures
7. Teach your child the meaning of 'fair play' and encourage them to play that way
8. Do not shout or gesture angrily at your child while they are playing or training
9. Never do anything that will bring the game into disrepute

#### **Spectators Code of Conduct:**

1. Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment
2. Accept the decisions of all referees as being fair and being called to the best of their ability
3. Always be positive in your support for players
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form
5. Respect your teams opponents, officials and spectators
6. Encourage players to obey the rules and accept decisions by officials
7. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials
8. Respect the rights, dignity and respect of every person
9. Keep children in care under control
10. Always treat the facilities and equipment provided with respect

Remember your all sports participants want to play sport to have fun. They should be allowed to participate without feeling a pressure to succeed.