

# **Yass Football Club 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 Conduct**

- \* 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 Conduct**

- \* 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 Conduct**

- \* 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.
- \* Continued bad behaviour or disrespect may result in the club taking further action.
- \* Play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.