

## **PART B: CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

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### **Attachment B1: Coach**

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Attachment B2: Player

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Attachment B3: Umpire

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Be impartial.
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- Value the individual in sport.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- The Umpire must be attired in correct riding clothing – white trousers, boots, hat, helmet and Umpire's jacket.
- Be equipped with whistle and polocrosse racquet.
- Have a thorough knowledge of the Rule Book.
- Be suitably mounted.
- Ensure that equipment and playing area meet safety standards.
- Never over-instruct the players.
- Do not argue with the players or spectators.
- Treat players as you would wish to be treated as a player yourself.
- Know the signals of the game.
- Be on time.

## Attachment B4: Spectator

- Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not winning.
- Respect officials' decisions and encourage players to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and officials decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials

## Attachment B5: Team Manager

- Abide by rules of the PAA.
- The consumption of alcohol is not encouraged. Non-prescribed, illegal drugs are 'forbidden at all times.
- Be punctual and available at all times
- Adhere to a dress standard adopted by the PAA.
- Ensure all rules avenues being used by state teams and regulations of host organisation are adhered to.
- Ensure that a fair and safe environment is enforced at international level.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Do not enter into confrontation or argument.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants.
- Be a good sport yourself, you set an example therefore your behaviour should be positive and supportive.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse. This includes verbal, physical, sexual and emotional abuse.  
Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
- Attend all appropriate discussion meetings prior and during international competition.
- Be available to the coach and team captains to render assistance if required.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive