

# **Carlingford Redbacks Soccer Club Inc**

## **Code of Behaviour Coaches' Code**

- ✓ **Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.**
- ✓ **Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.**
- ✓ **Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity wherever possible.**
- ✓ **Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.**
- ✓ **Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a game.**
- ✓ **Ensure that equipment and facilities are appropriate to the age and abilities of the players.**
- ✓ **The scheduling and length of practice times and games should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.**
- ✓ **Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents, as well as for the judgement of referees and opposing coaches.**
- ✓ **Follow the advice of a doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.**
- ✓ **Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.**

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