

Code of Behavior for all Participants

All participants representing Wollongong Touch Association Inc. are expected to adhere to the following values and code of ethics:

To:

- *Encourage honest and open competition*
- *Respect individual differences of people within the Southern Suns region.*
- *Support innovation and creativity*
- *Share failures and celebrate success*
- *Share the responsibility and workloads*
- *Participate as members of a team to achieve the Organisations goals and objectives*

SPECIFICALLY

Players Code:

- *Play by the rules at all times*
- *Play equally intensively for yourself and your team*
- *Be equally loyal to yourself and your team*
- *Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times*
- *Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times*
- *Co-operate with your coach, manager, team mates and officials*
- *Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are*

Referees Code:

- *Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules*
- *Be honest in your assessment of situations*
- *Be consistent, courteous in calling all infractions*
- *Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsporting, and promote fair play and appropriate sports behavior*
- *Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules*
- *Be conscious that you are seen as a 'Role Model'*
- *Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the Australian Touch Association*
- *Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principals*

Coaches Code:

- *Teach your players that the rules of the game are a mutual agreement which no-one should try to evade or deliberately*
- *Be reasonable with your demands on players, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm*
- *Avoid over playing and/or training your players*
- *Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards of the age, sex and ability of the team*
- *Demonstrate respect for all your players no matter what level of ability they possess. Do not swear or abuse them*
- *Develop respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials*
- *Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principals and abreast of current trends*

Administrators/Officials Code:

- *Ensure that equal opportunity for all participation in Touch is available to all regardless of ability, size, shape, set, age, ethnic origin or disability*
- *Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants*
- *Establish that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behavior and specific skill technique*
- *Avoid allowing sports programs becoming primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participant rather than the enjoyment of the spectator.*
- *Provide opportunity aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behavior and skill technique*
- *Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials and physicians understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport*
- *Ensure on and off the field behavior is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship*
- *Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of the players*
- *Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation and safety*
- *Distribute a code of behavior to all participants*