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## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – PARENTS / GUARDIANS**

Winning in any sport is a vital part of sporting tradition – but not as important as the spirit of the game. This spirit stems from a commitment to fair play and that winning is only a part of player motivation.

The principles below should be used as a guide (but not limited to) for players as members of Glenwood Redbacks Soccer Club:

- a. Encourage a child to participate, but do not force them if they are not willing.
- b. Focus on the child's honest effort and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game.
- c. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- d. Remember that children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not the enjoyment of the parent/guardian.
- e. Children learn best by example; applaud good play by all teams.
- f. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels. Remember they give up their time for your child's enjoyment. Do not publicly question the Referee's judgement or honesty.
- g. Eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities. Refer the Child Protection Act 1998.
- h. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, managers, officials and administrators. Without them, your child would not participate.
- i. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- j. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

## **CODE OF FAIR PLAY – PARENTS**

- a. Remember that kids play sport **for their enjoyment**
- b. Encourage the children to play, do not force them.
- c. Always encourage the kids to play by the rules.
- d. Respect the official's decision and teach the kids to do the same.
- e. Remember, club officials, coaches and managers are all volunteers, without them there is no sport for the kids.
- f. Support your club in removing physical and verbal abuse from the game.
- g. Remember that kids learn by example, It's up to all of us to help make them good sports.

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the above rules of behaviour and code of fair play, set by the Glenwood Redbacks Soccer Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_