

# Western Suburbs PSSA



## Code of Behaviour for PSSA & Representative Sport

### Coaches & teachers

- ❖ Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- ❖ Give young people the chance to try out different playing positions and different sports.
- ❖ Create opportunities for participants to learn appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- ❖ Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified sports over highly structured competition.
- ❖ Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications and the principles of physical growth and development.
- ❖ Promote a culturally tolerant environment.
- ❖ Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- ❖ Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing as well as playing.
- ❖ Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- ❖ Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.
- ❖ Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ❖ Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- ❖ Listen to your players and ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience.
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### Officials

- ❖ Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people and to make participation more fun.
- ❖ Compliment and encourage all participants — you are a role model and a source of a young persons confidence building.
- ❖ Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- ❖ Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- ❖ Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ❖ Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- ❖ Be familiar with and know your role in relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- ❖ Promote a culturally tolerant environment.
- ❖ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

*Note: Codes developed by the Australian Sports Commission*