

Spectators and Parents Code of Conduct

Behaviour issues of spectators and parents are continuing to tarnish youth sport in the Tasman and Marlborough regions.

To make sport fun and enjoyable for the kids we ask you to follow these codes of conduct when you are on the sideline.

I will:

- Remember that children play primarily for fun
- Focus on my child's effort rather than ability and success
- Be a positive role model and always contribute a safe and friendly environment which children enjoy
- Remember that youth sport is a time where children develop technical, tactical, physical and social skills
- Respect the officials decision and remember that officials can make mistakes
- Stay off the field and behind the roped off area (if the field is roped off)
- Not pressure my child as I understand youth sport is for them to have fun
- Not yell instructions at the players because I understand this may confuse children who are learning, instead I will give positive comments which encourage effort
- Praise effort and good play as much as success
- Respect everyone involved in the sport including the official, opposition players, managers, coaches and other spectators and parents
- Not ridicule or criticise players who make mistakes as I understand mistakes are part of the learning process
- Not criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game
- Never be a part of, or put up with, offensive,

insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

- Consume alcohol at youth sport events
- Respect every person regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion

As a spectator or parent I understand that if I do not follow this code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Regional Sport Organisation or National Sport Organisation

- Given a verbal warning by my club, club official or coach
- Required to meet with the club, regional sport organisation or national sport organisation
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Told to leave the match venue by the club
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Required to leave the club along with any dependants

Also remember:

If your behaviour at a sporting event is sufficiently serious, it may result in criminal charges.