

Branlyn Neighbourhood Association Sports Leagues

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for... Players

Being a member of a team has responsibilities and rewards. Players must conduct themselves in a respectful manner that brings credit to their sport, team, and themselves.

Players shall...

- Be accountable for their behaviour and its outcomes.
- Honour their obligations and promises.
- Respect the authority of coaches, youth and adult officials.
- Respect their teammates and opponents.
- Learn and adhere to game rules both in letter and spirit.
- Respect the indoor and outdoor facilities and leave them better than you found them.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
- Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
- Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.
- Treat your teammates and opponents equally.

Code of Conduct for... Officials, Coaches, Association Members

The duty of youth and adult officials is to act as impartial judges of competitions. This duty carries an obligation to perform with accuracy, fairness, objectivity, and integrity.

Officials shall...

- Conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties, while exercising authority.
- Be knowledgeable and supportive of league rules and philosophy.
- Respect the indoor and outdoor facilities and leave it better than you found it.
- Set an example in terms of acceptable behaviour
- Be 100% focused on the task at hand and give the players the best you have while officiating a game.
- Always remain calm and professional in any situation. Set the tone for a positive result.

Coaches have tremendous influence in the lives of their players. Coaches lead by example and must conduct themselves in a professional manner that brings credit to their sport, team, association, and themselves.

Coaches shall...

- Emphasize emotional and physical well-being of children, fair play and development of skills of the game over winning.
- Respect and support youth and adult officials.
- Provide a safe environment for their players.
- Learn and teach their players the rules of the game. Adhere to the rules both in letter and spirit.
- Promote specific league rules, expectations and philosophy.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate to the skills and development of their players.
- Remember that youth participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
- Promote an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and/or behaviour.
- Play every player equally and fairly within the boundaries of the rules.

Code of Conduct for... Parents and Spectators

Parents and spectators play an important role in promoting happiness and success in youth sports.

Parent and spectators shall...

- Emphasize emotional and physical well-being of children, fair play and development of skills of the game over winning.
- Congratulate players for effort, not for winning.
- Respect and support coaches and youth and adult officials. Resolve disputes after the game, calmly and away from any youth.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship through positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice.
- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Understand specific league rules, expectations and philosophy.
- Promote an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and/or behaviour.
- Respect the indoor and outdoor facilities and leave them better than you found them.
- Place the well-being of the youth over a personal desire to win.
- Encourage the players to play by the rules and to treat their teammates and opponents equally.

Breach of Conduct Consequences...

First time offence will result in ejection from the property and a requirement to file an appeal, in writing to the League Convener or their designate, within 48 hours of the incident and appear before the sports committee at a mutually agreeable time and location.

The sports committee shall have final authority for re-instatement.

Second offence will result with offenders being banned from the property and other similar venues for the remainder of the season.

The Branlyn Neighbourhood Association's Executive or any member of the Sports Committee is responsible for enforcing the Code of Conduct.