

Parents / Guardians Code of Conduct

Hodson Bay Celtic Football Club

Support and encouragement from parents / guardians will contribute to children having:

- A sense of personal achievement. An enjoyment of soccer.
- Improved physical fitness.
- Higher self-esteem.
- A greater level of skill.
- Improved social skills.

It is important to:

- Encourage but not force children to be active.
- Know when he / she is ready to play.
- Encourage healthy lifestyle habits.
- Attend training and games where possible.
- Promote and teach FAIR PLAY.
- Teach your child to treat referees, other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
- Help children to set realistic targets.
- Help children with decision making.

Parents/Guardians should not:

- Ignore or dismiss complaints or concerns expressed by a child which relate to his/her involvement in soccer.
- Ridicule or shout at a child for losing a game or making a mistake.
- Treat any club as a child minding service. Make sure the game/Training session is on before you leave the ground
- Take safety for granted.
- Put undue pressure on any child to please or perform well. Most importantly parents / guardians should: “Lead By Example”

Parent / Coach Co-Operation

It is important that parents / guardians establish contact with the individual responsible for coaching their child. In addition, parents / guardians should:

- Give the coach help when asked and show appreciation for a job well done.
- Support the coach's and referee decisions. These individuals are only doing the best they can and they need support not anger.
- Inform the coach about any illness, injury, holidays, etc.
- Make an effort to attend training and games.
- Communicate any concerns you may have to the coach
- Make sure the child has appropriate equipment/clothing/refreshments.
- Encourage FAIR PLAY at home and do not instil a “win at all costs” attitude in children.
- Be positive or be quiet, negative comments are counter productive.

- Conduct themselves in such a way which promotes the definition of FAIR PLAY.
- Be prepared to be asked to leave by officials or club personnel if behaviour is contrary to the definition of FAIR PLAY.

Parents / Guardians should never:

- Insult players or club personnel.
- Argue with, or shout abuse at officials and they should actively discourage children or young players from doing likewise.
- Suggest or encourage cheating, aggressive or "dirty" play
- Placing undue or inappropriate criticism on a player, causing the player unnecessary or unhealthy levels of stress.
- Behave with physical or verbal aggression towards another person (actually use force or threaten the use of force).
- Engage in any "harassment" type of behaviour
- Make complaints to a coach directly after a game, if a parent has a concern please arrange a suitable time to discuss with the coach. If you believe your matter has not been dealt with in a satisfactory manner please contact the Club Chairperson / Children's officer.