

Principles of Participation and Code of Conduct – Children & Young People

SPORT is for everyone and is a great way to make new friends, stay fit and healthy, learn new skills and to have FUN! Sport can be exciting, rewarding, challenging and competitive, and gives you a great sense of achievement when you take part. But remember sport should be fun and you should always feel SAFE!

It is the responsibility of everyone – coaches, officials, parents and spectators – to make sure you can stay safe and have fun in sport. But you can also help to make sure sport is an enjoyable experience for all players, by following these principles of participation.

Principles of Participation

Fair Play

Treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like them to show you.

Demonstrate 'Fair Play' on and off the field.

Equity

Respect differences in gender, disability, culture, race, ethnicity, and religious belief systems between yourself and others.

Inclusiveness and tolerance

Appreciate that all participants bring something valuable and different to sport.

Value and learn from the diversity of people you meet and show patience with others and act with dignity at all times.

Always use polite language, and never engage in bullying behaviour.

Responsibility

Look out for yourself and the welfare of others. Do not engage in any irresponsible or illegal behaviour.

Be organised and on time, and prepared for competitions, events and coaching sessions.

Make sure you know what you can do if you are concerned about someone's behaviour towards you or another player.

Friendship

Take time to thank those who help you take part – whether family, organisation or team mates.

Respect

Play to your best ability at all times. Do what your coach asks you to do, as long as you are comfortable to do so, and it is within the rules of the game.

Show respect to referees and officials, and accept all decisions without disagreement.

Always be respectful to other participants, coaches, volunteers and spectators.

Above all have fun!