

# **GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Winning at any sport is a part of sporting tradition but this is not as important as the “spirit of the game”.

### **Referees, Assistant Referees and Other Match Officials.**

-abuse of referees and assistant referees will not be tolerated in any form.

Abuse includes derogatory comments about the match official’s performance or ability, repeated or vocal criticism or challenging of the match official or their decisions, and any form of insulting, offensive, aggressive or intimidating behaviour or language directed at a match official.

Abuse of referees, assistant referees, players, coaches, managers, parents or spectators etc may result in penalties against the individual, team or club concerned. Those penalties include fines, bonds, loss of competition points and suspension.

### **Coaches and Managers Code of Behaviour.**

- be reasonable in your demands on young players.
- players play for fun and enjoyment. Don’t ridicule mistakes.
- teach players that the rules of sport should be followed, not broken.
- develop team respect for opponents and officials from both teams.

### **Parents and Spectators Code of Behaviour.**

- encourage players and accept results without disappointment.
- never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or losing the game.
- players are involved for their enjoyment, not for their parents or spectators.
- volunteers deserve your respect and consideration.
- eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.

### **Players Code of Behaviour.**

- play by the rules.
- respect officials.
- abuse of opponents or officials is not allowed in any sport.
- treat all players the way you would like to be treated yourself.
- play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents, spectators and coaches.
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players, coaches and officials.
- accept defeat with dignity and don’t seek excuses for defeat or blame the referee or anyone else.

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