



**Eastside Rapids
Spectator Code of Conduct
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CODES OF CONDUCT

A code of conduct for working with children is used to make clear:

- what behaviour is acceptable and unacceptable
- the standards of practise expected when working on behalf of the club
- the basis for challenging and improving practise

Everyone working with children on behalf of your club should sign up to your club's code of conduct. Members of the sports volunteers/staff must be clear about the expectations on them when involved in activities with children. Children and the parents/carers involved in activities should also be clear about what they can expect from the adults working with them. The club's code of conduct is most useful if shared publicly and widely.

The sports volunteers/staff, children and parents/carers support and understand codes of conduct best when they are involved in drawing them up and have the opportunity to discuss regularly what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.

Concerns about breach of the code of conduct should be taken seriously and responded to in line with the complaints policy, performance management policy, disciplinary procedure and/or procedures for responding to concerns.

Code of conduct for parents/carers and children

Children and their parents/carers should also be clear about the expectations placed upon them.

It can be very beneficial to ask children as a group to discuss this in their group/team and to agree what the consequences of breaking these rules should be. This could be done at the start of a season, before a trip away from home, or as part of a welcome session at a residential camp.

Good spectator behaviour is important

Pressure on children and the bad behaviour of adults on the side-line can make children drop out of sport. Clubs should promote good side-line behaviour and make it clear that if children or officials are abused, action will be taken.

Further guidance and support is available from your Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer, Susan Thomson.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT AT ESR

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Stay outside the field of play and in the Spectator's Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake. Remember that mistakes are an important part of learning
- Pass on any concerns that I have about the wellbeing or welfare of a child to a club official

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my club or governing body.



PARENTS, WE WANT YOU TO PLAY BY THESE 10 RULES!

1. Don't yell out instructions
2. Don't yell at me in public
3. Don't yell at the coach
4. Don't put down my team mates
5. Don't put down other teams
6. Don't put down officials
7. Don't lose your cool
8. Don't lecture me about my mistakes after the game
9. Don't forget how to laugh and have fun
10. Don't forget that it is only a game. I will try my best but I'm not sure that I'll be the next superstar yet

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, you can contact Safeguarding in Sport on 0141 419 1156.

