



# RESPECT Program

## Information for Managers

**Fundamental Aim:** *To encourage the concept of Honouring the game by showing Respect to:*

- *The match officials, without whom the game would be much less enjoyable*
- *The opposition, without whom there would be no game*
- *The rules, which keep the game fair and safe*
- *Yourself, set yourself standards and stick to them no matter what anyone else does*

As managers, you need to co-ordinate a range of responsibilities during the season. We ask that you take on the RESPECT program as another important facet of managing a team.

### Manager Role in RESPECT program includes:

1. Provide Players and Parents with necessary information
2. With coach, organise a preseason meeting with your team and parents. Suggested topics for discussion are:
  - a. Coaching Philosophy. Discuss dual aims of improving skills and building respect for game, match officials, players and themselves. Redefine winning as individual and team improvement
  - b. Standards of acceptable behaviour
    - i. At training
    - ii. At games –bench policy for players who behave badly on field
  - c. Your expectations on attendance at training, attendance at games, notice if you can play
  - d. Discuss how you will manage time of field for each player
  - e. Ask parents if they have any particular expectations
  - f. Distribute RESPECT leaflets
  - g. Get everyone to agree to follow Code of Conduct (which they agreed to when they signed up with myfootballclub).
  - h. Ask parents to be role models. Don't criticise match officials, other players or your own players in public. Accept referee decisions and encourage players to get on with the game. Step in and stop others doing it!
  - i. Training times, contacts, equipment needed etc
  - j. Parent behaviour at games
    - i. No sideline coaching
    - ii. Be positive role model
- Be a role model yourself at games. Don't criticise match officials decisions, applaud good play by both teams.

Your adoption of these philosophies and actions will contribute to a positive, character-building youth sports experience for all the children our organization serves. Thank you for all your time and effort!