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The Junior Premier League's sole purpose is to provide an opportunity for our players to experience a high quality program of developmental and competitive football.

Football and all other sports, in which children become involved, enable our youth to experience many important lessons which will help form their adult lives.

The adults involved, whether as spectators or coaches, have a critical role in assuring that these experiences for our youth are positive and appropriate.



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The Junior Premier League believes that the following standards of behaviour for players, parents, and coaches are essential to our goals and represent a minimum standard that should be adhered to at all times.

It is vital that our players are allowed to enjoy the game in an environment that encourages development to take place without undue pressure from the coaches, parents and the opposition.

Please make sure everyone involved with your club from coaches/managers, players and parents are aware of the guidelines below. Let's make our matches a pleasure to be a part of.



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SPECTATORS

It is the club's responsibility to control the behaviour of the coaches, managers, players and spectators representing their club.

Spectators are not allowed to coach players or instruct them.

Spectators are not allowed to abuse, insult or swear at players of either side, the referee, match or club officials and other spectators.

Spectators must not encroach onto the playing area at any time.

They must stay behind the rope provided on all sides of the pitch.

They must not be situated behind either of the goals or on the coaches/players side of the pitch.

Spectators should try to applaud good play from both sides and conduct themselves in a positive manner.



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COACHING STAFF

Team officials must not aggressively coach or commentate by telling the players what to do constantly, during the game.

Team officials must not abuse players through ridicule, criticism or swearing.

Team officials must not abuse match day officials or opposition managers.

Team officials must not condone, ignore or encourage inappropriate behaviour or conduct from their players.

They should instead take appropriate action.

For example through substituting the player and telling them that their conduct is unacceptable.

Team officials must stay within their technical area for the duration of the game (except half time).

Team officials must not smoke or drink alcohol during the game.

Team officials should applaud good play from both teams.

Team officials conduct must at all times ensure the welfare of all the players.



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PLAYERS

Players must be mindful of the language they use on and off the field.

Players must show respect towards teammates, opposition players, match officials, club officials or spectators at any time.

Players must play with care and consider the safety of their teammates and opposition.



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