

# **WALKERVILLE SOFTBALL CLUB**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Walkerville Softball Club Rules set out the objects of the Club. The first of those objects is:-

- To promote the game of softball as played according to the Rules of the game of softball and other Regulations laid down by Softball Australia and/or Softball South Australia.

This Code of Conduct contains guidelines for all players, coaches and supporters when representing or supporting the Walkerville Softball Club.

### **PLAYERS' CODE**

- Play for the right reasons – participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, and to experience the satisfaction of achieving team success.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Play by the Rules. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Captain, Coach or Manager approach the official during the break or after the competition.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach and team-mates. Without them there would be no competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players are not acceptable behaviours.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, Officials and Administrators.

### **SUPPORTERS' AND PARENTS' CODE**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be positive. Recognise and encourage good performances and skilful play. Never ridicule or yell abuse.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Respect officials' decisions and teach junior players to do likewise.
- Show appreciation and respect for volunteer coaches, Officials and Administrators. Without them the teams could not take the field.
- Respect and comply with the stated times to approach a coach.

## **COACHES' CODE**

- Be positive. Never ridicule or yell at players.
- Operate within the Rules and the spirit of the sport and coach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
- Display control, respect and professionalism toward all involved in the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries in all contact with players.
- Show caution and concern towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to re-commence training or competition.
- Where possible obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principals of growth and development of young sports persons.

## **OFFICIALS' CODE**

- Be consistent, objective and courteous in all dealings with or on behalf of the Club.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game at all times.
- Treat all persons with appreciation and respect including fellow volunteer Officials and Administrators, and members of other clubs and Associations. Be hardworking and honest in all dealings with members of the club, other clubs and the Association.

## **BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Any breaches or matters of concern relating to the Code of Conduct should be referred to the Member Protection Officer or Club President (to be managed in accordance with the complaints handling policy).
- Minor breaches of the Code will be addressed by the Club President.
- Serious breaches of the Code will be referred to the Committee for consideration under Rule 15 of the Rules of the Walkerville Softball Club.

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