

QRL South East Division Juniors **COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Support all efforts to promote a positive and supportive sports environment and remove verbal, racist and physical abuse from rugby league.
- Respect the rights of all players and treat them all equally and sensitively, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Teach players to play by the rules of rugby league and to follow fair play and ethical guidelines.
- Promote the safety, well-being and protection of all players, ensuring that no training and playing demands are detrimental to the social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of the individual.
- Encourage independence of the individual players in accepting responsibility for their own behaviour and performance within training and competition.
- Remember, young people are involved in rugby league for their own enjoyment and development, not yours.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any player for making a mistake. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Never abuse, verbally or physically, players, match officials or spectators in any way, shape or form. The QRL South East Division Juniors and its affiliate clubs have a zero tolerance policy in regard to this. Avoid confrontation, walk away and report breaches of this code to the relevant authority.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, referees and officials. They, as you do, give their time to provide recreational activities for, and development of, children.
- When publicly expressing an opinion on any aspect of the sport, have regard for the best interests of the game of rugby league. Always consider the wider picture in favour of self interest.
- Never manipulate rules and regulations solely for personal gain or to obtain an unfair advantage for your club.