

LITTLE LEAGUE NETBALL – FAIR PLAY CHARTER

FOR PARENTS

- Children develop differently, at different rates and react differently to the same pressure.
- Children and young people are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment – not yours.
- Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
- Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude. Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Don't question publicly the official's judgement and never their honesty. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of coaches. They give their time and resources or provide guidance for your child.
- Set an example by being friendly to the parents of the opposition!
- Emphasise enjoyment and fun.
- Praise and reinforce effort and improvement.

FOR SPECTATORS

- Children at play are not professional entertainers.
- Children play organised sport for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are not miniature adults or professional sportsmen and women.
- Don't harass or swear at players, coaches or officials.
- Applaud good play by your own and the visiting team.
- Show respect for your teams opponents, without them there would be no game.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
- Respect the official's decisions.
- Encourage players always to play by the rules.
- Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.

FOR COACHES

- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The just average players need and deserve equal time. Be sensitive to the less talented.
- Develop respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Create opportunities to teach a positive sporting attitude, just as you would in teaching the basic skills.
- Ensure that efforts for skill improvement and good sportsmanship are rewarded by praise.

FOR PLAYERS

- Remember to shake your opponent's hand at the end of the match.
- And don't forget three cheers as well.
- Thank the umpire for giving up his or her time.
- Always listen to the umpire.
- Tell your manager in plenty of time if you can't make a match.
- Losing is fine, as long as you play well.