



Code of Conduct for Umpires, Coaches, Team Managers, players, parents and spectators.

UMPIRES: (in conjunction with Code of Ethics)

- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Compliment and encourage participation.
- Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasis the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes that make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest rules.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.

COACHES AND MANAGERS: (in conjunction with Code of Ethics)

- Remember that people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell when someone makes a mistake or loses.
- Teach your players to follow the rules.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards to prevent injury to both the horse and rider.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of Umpires and opposing Coaches.
- Follow the advice of doctors and vets as to when a player or horse can reasonably recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and principles for both the rider and the horse.

PLAYERS:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an Umpire. If you disagree, have your coach, captain or manager approach the umpire during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of umpires or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted. Neither is the physical abuse of your horse.
- Work equally as hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender.

PARENTS:

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning and losing.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good players of all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- Respect the Umpire's decisions and teach your children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for all volunteers. Without them you can't play

SPECTATORS:

- Applaud good performance and efforts from each team.
- Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the Umpires' decision and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule anyone for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form by spectators, coaches, umpires and players.
- Show respect for your teams' opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches, umpires or other spectators.

By signing below you are agreeing to abide by this "Code of Conduct" and its contents.

Position: **Player** **Coach** **Manager**

Team:
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Name:
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Signed:
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Dated:
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If the player is under 18 years of age, a guardian must also sign this form below:

**Guardian
Name:**
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**Guardian
Signature:**
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Dated:
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