

## Parent & Guardian – Code of Conduct

Watching your children participate in sport can be a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience. Codes of conduct, or behaviour, give everyone a guide to what is expected of them if they are part of an organisation, are playing sport, or standing on the sideline cheering. They help us to behave ethically and professionally.

In addition to Volleyball Victoria's General Code of Conduct, as parent/guardian in any activity held by or under the auspices of Australian Volleyball Federation, Volleyball Victoria, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event.

### In summary:

1. Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assist your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
2. If your child is interested, encourage them to participate in the appropriate volleyball activity. However, if your child is not willing to participate, do not force him or her. Remember, children are involved in organised activity for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants. Be a role model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decision and teach children to do likewise.
9. Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### Related Documents:

Please reference and observe the principles of the **Child Safe Code of Conduct**