

# Code of Conduct

Parents have an important role in the delivery and support of sporting activities for their own and other children. With it comes a clear responsibility to act in a constructive and encouraging manner at all times. As part of this responsibility the following **Codes of Behaviour** have been adopted by the Manly LSC Junior Activities Group (Nippers):

## Parents, Caregivers, Spectators

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- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment and development
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Set realistic goals.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by **all** participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, age managers, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- If you disagree with an official, coach, age manager, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the officials judgment and honesty in public. Remember that most officials, coaches, and age managers give their time and effort for your child's involvement.

## Nippers Code of Behaviour

- Compete within the rules, and within the spirit of Surf Lifesaving and Manly LSC.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree have your Age Manager, coach or team manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances whether they are given by Manly LSC or other clubs.
- Respect the club house. Treat it as you would treat your home. Leave it tidy.
- Respect the equipment you use, wash it and return it after use. Report any damage.
- Treat all participants as you would like to be treated. Do not bully, interfere or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach, age managers, team mates, officials and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.

**By joining the Manly LSC Junior Activities the Nipper, Parent and/or Caregiver acknowledges and accepts these Codes of Conduct.**