The Australian Sports Commission have developed a Junior Sports Code of Behaviour to help everyone (players, parents, coaches, managers and umpires) involved in junior sport to promote fair play and appropriate behaviour. If you, your child and family members are involved in sport for Largs Bay Schools could you please read the codes below. If there are any problems associated with abiding by these Codes of Behaviour it should be discussed with the players, the parents, the team coach, the team manager, the specific sport contact person for the Largs Bay Schools or the Principal/Head of School.

**RESPECT**

- the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, religion and cultural background when involved in school sport.
- Show **COMMITMENT** by attending trainings and games.

**PLAYERS**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official in an appropriate manner during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent or team member is not acceptable in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. **Co-operate** with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

**PARENTS**

1. Remember that children play sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child’s efforts and performance, rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Do not use foul language or aggressively confront nor harass players, other parents, coaches or officials.
9. **Respect** officials’ decisions and teach children to do likewise.
10. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, managers and officials. Without them, your child could not participate.

**COACHES and MANAGERS**

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure. Winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on your players’ time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow the rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; all younger players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Display control and **respect** to all involved. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
9. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people.

**UMPIRES**

1. According to sporting guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
2. Compliment and encourage all players.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants.
5. Emphasize the spirit of the game and not the errors.
6. Be a good sport- actions speak louder than words.
7. Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people.
8. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
9. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else.