

Rule 33 Attachment  
**CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

**Introduction**

The QRL South East Division Juniors holds license from the QRL to administer the junior rugby league competition in South East Queensland. Consequently, all persons holding positions within affiliated clubs and all persons attending games controlled by the QRL South East Division Juniors, do so with the permission and license of the QRL South East Division Juniors.

- 1.** All spectators at QRL South East Division Juniors sanctioned matches must abide by the Spectators Code of Behaviour (available at all clubs) or face exclusion from the grounds at which the match is being played. Repeat offenders face long-term bans from all QRL South East Division Juniors affiliated club grounds.
  - 2.** All parents/carers of players who register with the QRL South East Division Juniors must agree to abide by the Parent/Carer Code of Behaviour, which they will be required to acknowledge receipt of by signature at the time of registration. (Form SEDJ 06)
  - 3.** All players, coaches and officials associated with clubs affiliated with the QRL South East Division Juniors must agree to abide by the appropriate Code of Behaviour, which they will be given by the club of which they are members of.
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## **QRL South East Division Juniors** **CLUB OFFICIALS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Accept the special role you have as a representative of your club and the QRL South East Division Juniors, by setting an exceptional standard of dress, behaviour and conduct at all times.
- Establish an environment at your club for junior players that is safe, welcoming and fun.
- Treat everyone equally and sensitively, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Help to establish a culture within your club which promotes fair play, good behaviour, respect of opponents, team spirit and the development of technical skills.
- Ensure that proper supervision is provided by suitably qualified coaches and officials.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of developments in sound administrative practices and encourage the growth and development of the skills of your club's other officials and coaches.
- Encourage enjoyment of rugby league for fun and development, downplay the importance of awards.
- When publicly expressing an opinion on any aspect of the sport, have regard for the best interests of the game of rugby league. Always consider the wider picture in favour of self interest.
- Never manipulate rules and regulations solely for personal gain or to obtain an unfair advantage for your club.
- When developing policies for your club, including player recruitment, be aware of the impact those policies may have on the overall competition.
- Promote a strong, zero tolerance policy within your club, against abuse, verbal or physical of players, match officials and other visitors to your club.
- Where alcohol is available at your club, encourage responsible consumption and maintain a strict enforcement of licensing laws.

## **QRL South East Division Juniors** **COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Support all efforts to promote a positive and supportive sports environment and remove verbal, racist and physical abuse from rugby league.
- Respect the rights of all players and treat them all equally and sensitively, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Teach players to play by the rules of rugby league and to follow fair play and ethical guidelines.
- Promote the safety, well-being and protection of all players, ensuring that no training and playing demands are detrimental to the social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of the individual.
- Encourage independence of the individual players in accepting responsibility for their own behaviour and performance within training and competition.
- Remember, young people are involved in rugby league for their own enjoyment and development, not yours.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any player for making a mistake. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Never abuse, verbally or physically, players, match officials or spectators in any way, shape or form. The QRL South East Division Juniors and its affiliate clubs have a zero tolerance policy in regard to this. Avoid confrontation, walk away and report breaches of this code to the relevant authority.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, referees and officials. They, as you do, give their time to provide recreational activities for, and development of, children.
- When publicly expressing an opinion on any aspect of the sport, have regard for the best interests of the game of rugby league. Always consider the wider picture in favour of self interest.
- Never manipulate rules and regulations solely for personal gain or to obtain an unfair advantage for your club.

## **QRL South East Division Juniors** **PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Always play rugby league for your own enjoyment and development, never feel pressured to play just for your parents or for the coach.
- Treat other players and officials as you would want to be treated. The QRL South East Division Juniors and its affiliate clubs do not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of players, match officials or spectators in any way, shape or form.
- Avoid unnecessary confrontation and allow match officials to control the game rather than retaliate against foul play.
- Never, under any circumstances, enter the field of play to join a fight or melee. Reserves off the bench and players who have been dismissed or sin-binned by the referee, who unlawfully enter the field of play, face maximum penalties under local league rules.
- Always play the game within the rules and within the spirit of the game of rugby league.
- Remember, you are a representative of the game of rugby league and of your club, both on and off the field. Never behave in a manner that would bring the game into disrepute.
- Recognise that most officials, coaches and referees in junior rugby league are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services for your enjoyment and development. Please treat them with the utmost respect.

## **QRL South East Division Juniors** **SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Abuse, verbal or physical, of Players, Match Officials and of other Spectators in any way shape or form, is not tolerated by the QRL South East Division Juniors, or its affiliated clubs.
- Never, under any circumstances, enter the field of play.
- At all times, follow the directions of Duty Officials and other Game Day Officials.
- Avoid confrontation with other spectators. If necessary, walk away and report any breaches of this code to the relevant authority.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal, racist and physical abuse from rugby league.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and match officials.
- Remember, young people are involved in the sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any child for making a mistake. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Encourage both teams for good play.
- Emphasise the positives in your team's skills, play down any negatives. They will learn through the coaching process.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, referees and officials. They give up their time to provide recreational activities for your children.
- Remember, you attend junior rugby league games with the permission and license of the QRL South East Division Juniors and affiliate clubs. Breaches of the above Code of Conduct can result in expulsion from grounds where matches are in progress and repeat offenders may be banned from all grounds under the control of affiliate clubs.

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**PARENTS/PRIMARY CARERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Support all efforts to promote a positive and supportive sports environment and remove verbal, racist or physical abuse from rugby league.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Teach your child by example to treat all players equally and with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and match officials.
- Teach your child that effort, exercise and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Remember, young people are involved in the sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any child for making a mistake. Remember mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Encourage your own children, their teammates and their opposition for good play.
- Emphasise the positives in your children's skills, play down any negatives. They will learn through the coaching process.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, referees and officials. They give up their time to provide recreational activities for your children.
- Remember, your child plays and trains for junior rugby league games with permission and license of the QRL South East Division Juniors and affiliate clubs. Breaches of the above Code of Conduct can result in expulsion from grounds where matches are in progress, suspension of parents from clubs and as a final resort, suspension of your son or daughter.