



# 2017 CODES OF CONDUCT

MELBOURNE  
3 – 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



## **PROTOCOLS FOR MISCONDUCT – CODES OF CONDUCT**

- During matches the referee is responsible for the handling of all player and team management misconduct as per the rules of the game. Referee Supervisors are appointed to provide support and ensure effective match management, particularly by student referees.
- All other issues of misconduct are to be handled by the following Codes of Conduct and the associated consequences for breaching the codes.
- The Australian Volleyball Federation's Member Protection Policy outlines the processes for making a complaint, its hearings and resolution.

The following codes of conduct highlight the level of expected behaviour of students, teacher officials, parents and spectators when participating in and attending the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC). Consequences for not honouring this code of conduct are listed.

Please ensure that you have read and understand this code prior to participating in / attending the (AVSC). Further information is available by contacting the Australian Volleyball Federation.

***Please be aware that ignorance of the contents of this Code will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach.***

### **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Never argue with the Referee's decision.
- Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport. Encourage and support your own team members.
- Show respect for yourself, your team mates, officials, your opponents and their skills.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others
- Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of any illegal substances and substance abuse is strictly forbidden.

#### **Consequences for breaches of this code by students**

Team managers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not playing remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parents' cost. The Australian Volleyball Federation (AVF) is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences.

Furthermore, AVF may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with that State / Territories Education Act.

Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline.

### **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Co-operate with the school team to achieve the best outcomes for your child
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.

### **SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
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- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

#### **Consequences for breaches of this code by parents / spectators**

Team officials and tournament staff may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, and calling police to intervene where necessary. The Australian Volleyball Federation is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

Parents and spectators should note that it is an offence, in some State /Territories Education Acts, to insult (meaning "to treat insolently or with contemptuous rudeness, to abuse") an officer of a state educational institution.

Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline.

### **TEAM OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- You are bound by your Department of Education's Codes of Conduct, duty of care and child protection policies
- Provide a safe and supportive sporting and learning environment
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with students and parents/carers
- Promote the skills of responsible self-management
- Communicate high expectations for individual achievement and behaviour
- Ensure consistency and fairness in implementing the school sport conduct codes.
- Ensure that your behaviour at all times, whether at or away from the playing venue, does not bring the name of "School Sport Volleyball" into disrespect
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. All players need and deserve appropriate time
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches
- Compliment participants on their efforts
- Condemn unsporting behaviours
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour
- Refrain from criticism of or reaction to the umpire's / referee's judgement and decision
- Maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the presentation of the team
- Refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol at any time while in the direct supervision of students.

#### **Consequences for breaches of this code by team officials**

Tournament staff may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct. The Australian Volleyball Federation is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

Furthermore, AVF may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with that State / Territories Education Act.

Teacher officials will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline.