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# PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT



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## SQUASH AUSTRALIA PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

## **Policy Overview**

Squash Australia has implemented a Parents Code of Conduct Policy which takes effect immediately.

You will need to review the Parents Code of Conduct Policy and make yourself familiar with the contents of the policy.

### What is a Parents Code of Conduct Policy?

The Parents Code of Conduct Policy sets out the expectations of Squash Australia with regards to all parents of players.

#### Some important points to consider

The Parents Code of Conduct Policy sets out clear guidelines and boundaries regarding the standards of performance and behavior to ensure that parents of players act in a professional and proper manner and to ensure that the sport is played and conducted with disciplined and sporting behaviour.

#### What do I need to do?

You need to read the Parents Code of Conduct Policy carefully and understand the expectations of Squash Australia.

## **OBJECT OF THE PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Squash Australia is committed to promoting and strengthening the positive image of the game of Squash in Australia. In light of this commitment, the Parents Code of Conduct seeks to establish standards of performance and behaviour to ensure that parents of players act in a professional and proper manner. It also seeks to ensure that the sport is played and conducted with disciplined sporting behaviour. The

Parents Code of Conduct aims to deter all conduct that could damage the game of Squash by impairing public confidence in the honest and orderly management of the game, conduct of competitions, or in the integrity and good character of the players. In addition, the Parents Code of Conduct seeks to ensure that every parent is liable to effective sanctions if they are found to have breached the Parents Code of Conduct.

In addition to Squash Australia's General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements regarding your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Squash Australia in your role as a parent.

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- I will encourage good sportsmanship by my actions, demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every practice and competition event.
- 2) I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and others ahead of my desire to win.
- I will encourage my child to play in a safe and healthy environment by maintaining a respectful and courteous attitude towards others.
- 4) I will promptly notify my child's coach of any physical/mental disability or challenge affecting my child that may affect the safety of my child or others.
- 5) I will teach my child that doing his/her best is more important than winning.

- 6) I will do my best not to ridicule, bully, blame or yell at my child or other players, coaches, officials, or volunteers in response to a poor performance or for any other reason.
- 7) I will do my best to make Squash fun at all times and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction.
- 8) I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and officials with respect, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, colour, sexual preferences, or athletic potential. I will also take action and report any acts of bullying, harassment, or abuse to the appropriate authorities.
- I will applaud any effort in both victory or defeat, emphasising positive accomplishments and learning from mistakes.
- 10)I will teach my child to resolve conflicts calmly and peacefully without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 11) I will be a positive role model for my child and others.
- 12)I will demand a Squash environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not pursue or provide to a third-party any illegal drugs prohibited by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
- 13)I will not assist or condone any athletes use of a banned substances as described by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Australian Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA), World Squash Federation (WSF), or Squash Australia's Anti-doping policy. See the following link for education course on anti-doping. <a href="http://elearning.squash.org.au/">http://elearning.squash.org.au/</a>
- 14)I will expect my child's coach to be in compliance with all requirements of Squash Australia's Coaches Code of Conduct and to continue their training through programs offered by Squash Australia.

- 15)I will respect my child's coach and refrain from "side line" coaching my child or other players.
- 16) I agree to educate myself regarding the proper procedures to follow when establishing or terminating a coaching relationship.
- 17) I will respect the decisions of officials, their authority, and decisions during training and competitions sessions and teach my child to do the same.
- 18) I will show my appreciation and recognise the importance of volunteers and club officials. I will fulfil my responsibility to help my club with membership, special projects, competitions, and other events.
- 19)I will become familiar with the rules of the WSF and teach my child accordingly.
- 20) I will support and respect all players and their right to participate.
- 21) I will follow and support all of Squash Australia's policies.