

# Old Aquinians Hockey Club



## *PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT*

- Children appreciate the presence and support of their parents. Accordingly, always set an example of good sportsmanship and give enthusiastic, but not excessive or inappropriate, support.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Show respect to all players, and parents whether in your team, or an opposing team.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to 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 that 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 officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.