

Jamberoo Touch Incorporated

Code of Conduct

Jamberoo Touch Incorporated conducts social Touch Competitions with the emphasis being placed on participation, fun, good sportsmanship and positive conduct rather than winning.

All persons involved in any way with Jamberoo Touch are required to abide by this Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. The following list provides examples of actions that would be a breach of this Code of Conduct. This list is not exhaustive and is intended to provide a guide only as to some forms of conduct that are considered unsuitable:

- a) 'Sledging' players, referees, officials or event organisers. Sledging is defined as a statement or physical behaviour intended to denigrate and/or intimidate another person.
- b) Creating a public disturbance or acting in a way that becomes a public nuisance.
- c) Taking or causing damage to another person's property.
- d) Abusing (verbally or physically) and/or denigrating individuals or teams.
- e) Harassment, sexual or otherwise. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, sexual preference or religion.

Players

1. Play may be hard and vigorous, but deliberate violence must never be used towards opponents. Players must control their temper. Verbal provocation of any sort is unacceptable. Players should treat other players as they like to be treated.
2. Use of bad language and/or inappropriate talk, whether directed at a referee, another player or oneself, is unacceptable.
3. Players should not argue with a referee or contest a decision. Any negative response towards a referee's ruling is unacceptable. A player, preferably the captain, may respectfully ask a referee to clarify a ruling in the event of uncertainty but should not unduly interfere with the progress of the game to do so.
4. Unfair or illegal tactics to gain an advantage should never be used.
5. Players are encouraged to play in a positive and sportsman-like manner and to extend every courtesy to the opposing team. This should include pre-match courtesies, recognition of good play on the part of the opposition and extending thanks to the referee(s) and to the opposition after the match.
6. Team captains have an important role and responsibility in setting a positive example and ensuring the correct conduct of their players.
7. Players are not to be involved in any way with a game if affected by alcohol or other intoxicating substances.
8. Players are to cooperate with the referees and officials. Without them there would be no competition.

Officials and Referees

1. Be consistent, impartial, objective and courteous when making decisions.
2. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
3. Be a positive role model for Jamberoo Touch Inc and the sport of Touch. Actions speak louder than words. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
4. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
5. Give all people a 'fair go' regardless of their age, gender, ability or background.
6. Encourage people to be aware of the positive benefits of participating in sporting activities.
7. Give all people equal opportunities to participate in administration and refereeing as well as playing.
8. Make it clear that abuse in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
9. Not misuse funds and property of others.
10. Any member of the management committee of Jamberoo Touch Inc who has a pecuniary interest in any resolution proposed at a meeting of the committee is to disclose that interest and shall not vote with respect to that resolution.
11. Committee members shall respect the confidentiality of information which comes to them in the course of their duties with Jamberoo Touch Inc.

Disciplinary Action

The form and duration of any disciplinary action will be commensurate with the seriousness of the breach of the game's rules and/or this code of conduct.

Disciplinary action could include a player being sent from the field for a period of time determined at the referee's discretion or for the remainder of the game. When a player is "sent off" rather than "sin-binned", that player is automatically suspended from playing for the next two rounds of matches. Depending on the severity of the incident, the player may be required to appear before a disciplinary committee and faces the possibility of suspension for a longer period as determined by the disciplinary panel.

In the most serious cases of breaches or repeated incidents of a player or a team not complying with the code or the spirit of the Jamberoo competition, the management committee reserves the right to remove that player or that team from the current competition and to prevent their participation in future competitions.