



KINGSWOOD TOUCH RUGBY 7's 2019



CODE OF CONDUCT - 2019

Kingswood College Kandy, Sri Lanka Old Boys Association - Australia



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The Kingwood Rugby 7's Code of Conduct reflects our support and implementation of the sport industry principles and values outlined in the Australian Sports Commission's The Essence of Australian Sport –principles of fairness, respect, responsibility and safety. This Code aims to ensure our core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained and that everyone involved in our sport is aware of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities.

This Code of Conduct applies to all individuals and entities involved with Kingswood Touch Rugby 7's- 2019. The Core Code must be observed by all without exception.

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The Core Code

- ❖ Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- ❖ Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- ❖ Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Touch Rugby.
- ❖ Treat each person as an individual.
- ❖ Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- ❖ Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- ❖ Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- ❖ Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- ❖ Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- ❖ Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- ❖ Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- ❖ Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- ❖ Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
- ❖ Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- ❖ All players must be registered to the team they are playing for and no unregistered players are to take the field, failure by the individual and team remove from the competition.
- ❖ Non Sri Lankan players are not permitted to be part of any team.
- ❖ If a participating teams have sponsorships from any organisation other than the official sponsors of the event, they cannot display banners, logos, marquees, etc. without the endorsement from Kingswood OBA Aust. Inc, other than in the team merchandise including team jerseys, jackets or pants.

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Athletes Code

- ❖ Give your best at all times & participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- ❖ Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Kingswood OBA Australia, a member association or an affiliated body including Rugby Victoria and Box Hill Rugby club into disrepute.
- ❖ Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
- ❖ No player or team official may dispute or make any protest of a referee's decision.
- ❖ Team captains may respectfully enquire of the referee matters of varying interpretations or causes of penalties. Any discussion is to be brief and polite and must not delay play.
- ❖ Never argue with the officials' decisions. Let your captain or coach ask any necessary questions.
- ❖ No player is allowed to play under the influence of alcohol/any drugs (except prescription drugs). Work towards achieving your full potential in Touch.
- ❖ Treat all players, as you yourself would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of, any player.
- ❖ Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good co-operate with your teammates and opponents.
- ❖ Abide by both the rules and spirit of the sport.
- ❖ Work equally hard for yourself and your team- your teams performance will benefit and so will your own.
- ❖ Shoes with screw-in or metal studs or cleats are not to be worn by any player. Light leather or synthetic boots or shoes with soft moulded soles are permitted.
- ❖ Players playing bare footed can do so at their own risk. Kingswood OBA or any other affiliated body will not be responsible for any injuries that occur during the games as a result.

Coaches Code

- ❖ Place the safety and welfare of athletes above everything else.
- ❖ Promote respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials.
- ❖ Help each person (athlete, official etc.) reach their potential -respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.

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- ❖ Commit to providing a quality service to your athletes.
- ❖ Embrace your position as a positive role model for your sport and athletes.
- ❖ Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented

Officials Code

- ❖ Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- ❖ Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- ❖ Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
- ❖ Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict in interest.

Administrators Code

- ❖ Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- ❖ Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- ❖ Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- ❖ Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.

Spectators Code

- ❖ Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- ❖ Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- ❖ All spectators should stand or sit at least five meters (5m) behind the side lines of each field.
- ❖ Spectators should NOT enter the playing fields under any circumstances while a game is on.

General code

- ❖ Respect the council/rugby club regulations when using the facilities of the premises.
- ❖ Car parking can only be done within the designated areas and it will be done in first come first serve basis.(No car can be parked within the grass areas and fail to do so can incur fines from the council officers)

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- ❖ Additional parking can be found in surrounding streets (in line with street parking regulations) at your own risk,
- ❖ Only the members of the organising committee and affiliate bodies such as Rugby Victoria and Box Hill Rugby club have access to the club house.
- ❖ Public Toilets are available for use.

Team Registrations

- ❖ All team registrations should be done via the online portal on www.kingswood.net.au
- ❖ Registrations are open for both past pupils associations of respective school associations (OBA) and clubs.
- ❖ If a team is registered in a school name (E.g. Kingswood College) it should be done via the official parent body in Australia with the relevant endorsement.
- ❖ There can only be one team with a respective school name unless the same school OBA enter 2 teams (e.g. Kingswood College A team & Kingswood College B team)
- ❖ By submitting the online registrations all teams will accept to the terms, conditions as well to the code of conduct set out for the tournament by Kingswood OBA.
- ❖ If a team is using a respective school crest or colours in team jerseys or any other merchandise used at the event; we encourage to obtain the necessary approvals from the parent bodies prior to the event.
- ❖ Only with the prior approval in writing may a team field a player that is not listed as being registered as received on the original registration form. No team may register new player once a top 8 has commenced. (Unless for any medical reasons)

Reporting prior to the games

- ❖ A member (preferably the captain) from each team must report in 5 minutes prior to their game starts.
- ❖ A representative from each team required to be at the scoring station at all times until a game is finished and require to sign the score sheets confirming the scores recorded are true and accurate. If there is a change required in scores recorded in the score sheet; matter needs to be discussed with the representative of Kingswood OBA and can be amended with all parties consent (Kingswood OBA representative, representative from both teams) and the amended scores required to be signed/initial by both team representative.

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Cancellations

- ❖ The organizing body shall reserve the right to cancel or postpone any games in regard to the appropriate weather conditions and / or unavailability of opposition teams.

Jewellery and Fingernails

- ❖ Players are not to participate in any match while wearing any item of jewellery which might prove dangerous. Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.

Kingswood OBA won't be responsible for loss of any personal belongings of any teams or of its players.

Special note to all players, coaches & supporters

- Throwing a punch at another player, referee, spectator or organizing committee member is an offence which leads to an immediate suspension from the game & the tournament.
- Kingswood OBA reserves the right to decide whether the same personal can take part in any future events organized by the organizing body including the Rugby 7's.
- Using abusive language towards a fellow player, referee, spectator or organizing committee member can lead to a suspension/sin-bin of one game or more.
- Any feedback or suggestion should be given to the Kingswood OBA in a formal manner pre/post tournament.
- Kingswood OBA along with the officials have all rights reserved for the decisions and conclusions made with the above.

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