

**ASHINGTON A.F.C. JUNIOR SECTION**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS /**  
**SPECTATORS**

**PARENTS / SPECTATORS HAVE A GREAT INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN'S ENJOYMENT AND SUCCESS IN FOOTBALL. ALL CHILDREN PLAY FOOTBALL BECAUSE THEY FIRST AND FOREMOST LOVE THE GAME - IT'S FUN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT HOWEVER GOOD A CHILD BECOMES AT FOOTBALL WITHIN YOUR CLUB IT IS IMPORTANT TO REINFORCE THE MESSAGE TO PARENTS / SPECTATORS THAT POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO:**

1. Children enjoying football.
2. A sense of personal achievement.
3. Self-esteem.
4. Improvement in the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

1. Other players
2. Officials
3. Managers / Coaches
4. Spectators

ENSURE THAT PARENTS / SPECTATORS WITHIN OUR CLUB ARE ALWAYS POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING TOWARDS ALL OF THE CHILDREN, NOT JUST THEIR OWN.

Encourage parents / spectators to:

1. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
2. Avoid coaching the child during the game.
3. Refrain from shouting and screaming.
4. Respect the referee's decision.
5. Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just most talented.
6. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

ENSURE THAT PARENTS SPECTATORS WITHIN OUR CLUB AGREE AND ADHERE TO OUR CLUB'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.