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ADB Code of Conduct for Parents & Spectators

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

- Other participants
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

Parents/carers/spectators should always positive and encouraging towards all children - not just their own - and should:

- 1) Respect the rights of and value all children Parents/carers/spectators should
 - Never force your child to take part in sport;
 - Respect the rights of all children to participate.
 - Not shout and scream, use correct and proper language at all times and communicate in a manner which reflects respect & care;
 - Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes;
 - Give encouragement to everyone to participate in angling;
 - Applaud the opposition as well as their own team;

regardless of gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

- 2) Show commitment to fair play and the value of participation:
 - Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them
 - Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials/stewards
 - Respect, abide by and publicly accept the decisions and instructions of officials/stewards.
 - Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
 - Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
 - Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

Affiliated clubs should ensure that parents/carers/spectators within the Association are always positive and encouraging and that they treat other



adults and children with dignity, respect sensitivity and fairness. They should also ensure that parents/carers/spectators agree and adhere to the Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy. Breaches of the code of conduct and discriminatory, offensive and violent behaviour will not be tolerated and complaints will be acted upon by the Association.