



CANADA

Junior Premier League Canada

Code of Conduct

The JPL Canada's sole purpose is to provide an opportunity for our players to experience a high quality program of developmental and competitive football. Football and all other sports, in which children become involved, enable our youth to experience many important lessons which will help form their adult lives.





The **adults involved, whether as spectators or team officials**, have a critical role in assuring that these experiences for our youth are positive and appropriate. To this end, the Junior Premier League in Canada believes that the following standards of behaviour for players, spectators/parents, and team officials are essential to our goals and represent a minimum standard that should be adhered to at all times.

It is vital that our players are allowed to enjoy the game in an environment that encourages development to take place without undue pressure from the team officials, spectators/parents and the opposition. Please make sure everyone involved with your club from coaches/team managers, players and spectators/parents are aware of the guidelines below. Let's make our matches a pleasure to be a part of.

MATCH DAY CONDUCT

1. It is the club's responsibility to control the behaviour of the team officials, players and spectators/parents representing their club.
2. Spectators/parents are not allowed to coach players or instruct them.
3. Spectators/parents are not allowed to abuse, insult or swear at players of either side, the referee, match or club officials and other spectators/parents.
4. Spectators/parents must not encroach onto the playing area at any time. They must stay behind the rope provided on one side of the pitch. They must not be situated behind either of the goals or on the coaches/players side of the pitch.
5. Spectators/parents should try to applaud good play from both sides and conduct themselves in a positive manner.
6. Team officials must not aggressively coach or commentate by telling the players what to do constantly, during the game.
7. Team officials must not abuse players through ridicule, criticism or swearing.
8. Team officials must not abuse match day officials or opposition team officials.
9. Team officials must not condone, ignore or encourage inappropriate behaviour or conduct from their players. They should instead take appropriate action. For example through substituting the player and telling them that their conduct is unacceptable.
10. Team officials must stay within their technical area for the duration of the game (except half time).
11. Team officials and spectators/parents must not smoke, vape or drink alcohol during the game.
12. Team officials should applaud good play from both teams.
13. Team officials conduct must at all times ensure the welfare of all the players.
14. Players must not use foul and abusive language at any time.
15. Players must not abuse team mates, opposition players, match officials, club officials or spectators at any time.
16. The Club appointed assistant referee must not coach or instruct players at any time.

The Junior Premier League takes a very serious stance with regards to creating the right environment for our matches to be played in. Our process for dealing with any breach of this code is shown below:

1. Anyone breaking these rules will be warned in the first instance and steps recommended to rectify their behaviour.
2. A ban will be issued for all JPL matches for a period dependant on the severity of the breach.