

**Do your part**

We respectfully request you do not publically criticise any of the match officials who strive to officiate in a fair and just manner.

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Please accept that in the spirit of the game, mistakes will be made.

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We ask for coaches and parents to familiarise themselves with the rules and to coach players in accordance with the rules and the spirit in which they are intended.

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Speak how you want to be spoken to.

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The AJSA remain committed to the Respect program but ultimately Respect will only be achieved by all of us taking collective responsibility for the good of the game.

**REMEMBER**

THEY ARE CHILDREN

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THIS IS A GAME, GAMES ARE FUN

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REFEREES ARE HUMANS,  
HUMANS MAKE MISTAKES

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MANY REFEREES ARE YOUNG  
AND MANY ARE LEARNING

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THIS IS NOT THE WORLD CUP

**Play Hard, Play Fair,  
Play with RESPECT**



The AJSA acknowledges  
the FA in development  
of this material



Albany Junior  
Soccer Association

**Them playing  
the game  
You playing  
your part**



**Respect**

Help create an environment  
where everyone can enjoy  
soccer



# RESPECT

Why do we need it?

Soccer is a very passionate game, and the last thing our association wants to see, is for the passion be taken out of our game.

At times we get caught up in the emotion of a match. It is important for everyone to acknowledge and remember that we must not allow our passion and emotion to cross the line.

**NO** RESPECT  
REFEREE  
GAME

The initial matches of a referee's career are very influential. A poor experience in the first few games can turn even the most committed referee away from the game.



## What outcomes do we want?

The purpose of this Respect program is to ensure that everyone can enjoy themselves and feel safe when participating. We believe that from this aim the following benefits will be gained:

1. Increase in and retention of the number of registered referees needed to meet the demands of the game at every level
2. Increase in the number of players including a higher retention rate of current players
3. Increase in the number of spectators at games
4. Zero tolerance of the abuse or assault of match officials
5. Spectator and parent education about acceptable behavior and its application at games
6. Coaches understand that junior referees also referee for enjoyment and that better outcomes arise from an enjoyable experience