

PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TIPS FOR PROVIDING HEALTHY SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR

CHECK YOURSELF BY:

1 ENCOURAGING FAIR PLAY:

- Cheer and acknowledge good play by both teams
- Thank the official, coach and other team after the game

2 HELPING EVERYONE ENJOY SPORT:

- Emphasise trying hard and having fun, not only winning
- Never ridicule or yell at someone for making a mistake

3 RESPECTING OFFICIALS, COACHES AND OPPONENTS:

- Accept decisions by officials – they are human and can make mistakes
- Deal with issues in a controlled and professional manner after the game
- Model this behaviour behind closed doors, as well as in public

4 KEEPING YOUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK:

- Be enthusiastic, but don't scream instructions from the sideline
- Don't get into shouting matches with anyone
- Never use bad language or harass others

5 UPHOLDING YOUR CLUB'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Seek out, understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct
- If you put your hand up to be an official, try to understand all your club's rules and regulations, the spirit of the game and relevant codes of conduct

CALL IT OUT

It's not easy, but bad behaviour needs to be called out. Check out [Club Respect's SMART Steps to Deal with Difficult Behaviour](#) for advice.

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LET US PLAY

