

## REPRESENTATIVE CODE OF CONDUCT

All players and officials must make themselves aware of this code of conduct and agree to what is documented. Should you not understand anything, or require clarification, please do not hesitate to approach a committee person. You must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct, and all other rules of the Association, to be able to represent Penrith OzTag in any capacity. All players and officials need to be aware that any breaches of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with in a harsh, but fair and consistent manner. We value the name and reputation of Penrith OzTag highly and do not wish to see it tarnished through any inappropriate actions of players or officials representing Penrith OzTag.

- **Play by the rules.** It is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make OzTag fun to play and fun to watch. By sticking to the rules, you will enjoy the game more.
- **Play to win.** Winning is the object of playing any game. Never set out to lose. If you do not play to win, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself. Never give up against stronger opponents but never relent against weaker ones.
- **Play fair.** Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Playing fair requires courage and character and is more satisfying. Playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested.
- **Never argue with an official.** If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition. Fair play means respect. Referees are there to maintain discipline and fair play. All players and officials are to treat the referee's and tournament officials with respect at all times.
- **Control your temper.** Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport. **Verbal of physical abuse of any person associated with or supporting our sport will not be tolerated under any circumstances.**
- Be honest with the coach concerning illness, injury and ability to train and compete to the best of your ability.
- **Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.** Your team's performance will benefit, so will you. A professional appearance relating to language, manner, temper and punctuality is to be adopted at all times.
- **Be a good sport.** Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team, or the opposition.
- **Accept defeat with dignity.** Nobody wins all the time. Learn to lose graciously. Don't seek excuses for defeat, genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Don't blame the referee or anyone else. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
- **Promote the interests of Penrith OzTag.** Think how your actions may affect the image of the game and the club. Talk about the positive things in the game and the club. Encourage other people to watch it or play it fairly. Be an ambassador for the game and the club.
- **Treat all participants in OzTag as you like to be treated.** Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport. Watch out for attempts to tempt you into cheating or using drugs. Drugs have no place in OzTag, or in our society. Say no to drugs.
- **Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.**
- Respect the rights, dignity & worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Represent Penrith OzTag with the highest levels of integrity.** Do not bring Penrith OzTag, or the sport in general, into any type of disrepute due to unruly, unsocial or illegal behaviour. When attending tournaments representing Penrith OzTag you are expected to demonstrate exceptional behaviour. Whilst we support, and encourage, players to enjoy the social side of the sport any behaviour that brings the reputation and standing of Penrith OzTag, or the sport of OzTag in general, into question will be dealt with harshly.
- Support each other and the Club. Your actions and commitment to the club and your teammates needs to reflect the reputation of the club. **We are one club, we stand together, we support each other.** This will allow us to build a strong club.
- **You are responsible for the actions of any of your supporters.** Supporters of our club are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct as well, it is **your responsibility** to ensure they understand their obligations. Their actions reflect on your and on the club.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Executive Committee of Penrith OzTag, consisting of the President, Vice President and Treasurer.