



Tigers Oztag Association

ABN: 25 827 021 477

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 and your local Association, to be able to represent Tigers 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 Tigers Oztag highly and do not wish to see it tarnished through any inappropriate actions of players or officials representing Tigers 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.** 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 or 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 are 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 Tigers Oztag.** Think how your actions may affect the image of the game and the association. Talk about the positive things in the game and the association. Encourage other people to watch it or play it fairly. Be an ambassador for the game and the association.
- **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 Tigers Oztag with the highest levels of integrity.** Do not bring Tigers Oztag, or the sport in general, into any type of disrepute due to unruly, unsocial or illegal behaviour. When attending tournaments representing Tigers 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 Tigers Oztag, or the sport of Oztag in general, into question will be dealt with harshly.
- Support each other and the Association. Your actions and commitment to the association and your teammates needs to reflect the reputation of the association. **We are one association, we stand together, we support each other.** This will allow us to build a strong association.
- **You are responsible for the actions of any of your supporters.** Supporters of our association 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 association.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Executive Committee of Tigers Oztag.



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Players

To be eligible to trial and represent Tigers Oztag players must:

- Be registered in one of the member associations – Parramatta, Penrith, Nepean, Norwest, Baulkham Hills
- Have played 7 games in one team in either current Winter season or preceding summer season
- Be committed to attend all trials and training sessions
- Be committed to attend tournament
- Pay all money when due
- Order all gear when due
- Not represent another region at the Nationals tournament in any capacity (eg: cannot play for Tigers and Coach for Wolves)

Coaches/Managers

Coaches and managers agree to:

- Participate in the selection process in an honest and fair manner.
- Be prepared to provide feedback to players on non-selection.
- Develop and adhere to a training schedule.
- Appoint a Team Manager, subject to committee approval.
- Ensure all players are treated in a fair and equal manner.
- Ensure discipline is maintained within the team, and that the team adheres to the Associations requirements.
- Maintain attendance records and provide to the committee when requested.
- Ensure all players and supporters of the team represent West Sydney Tigers in the best manner possible at the Tournament. Teams, which includes players and officials, will be held responsible for their actions of their spectators.
- Not represent another region at tournament in any capacity (eg: cannot play for Tigers and coach for Wolves)

Trials /Selection

- All eligible players can trial for any of the West Sydney Tigers teams they qualify for. Once a player is selected in a team, they CANNOT trial for, or swap to another team, unless the committee provides dispensation to do so.