Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has achieved the honour of being selected as a representative of Maroubra Junction Public School as part of the inter school (PSSA) sport program. When playing, they will be ambassadors for our school community and we would hope to be known as much by the quality of our behaviour as our skills in sport.

A Code of Conduct has been designed so that everyone in PSSA sport will enjoy the competition. As a responsible team member your child will be required to abide by a Code of Conduct for players. Failing to follow the Code of Conduct may lead to injury or create a situation where your child is not representing themselves or the school in a satisfactory manner.

The values of PSSA sport are about participation, skill development and enjoyment. PSSA officials and coaches are school teachers, not professional coaches, who do their best to ensure that all children are given the chance to participate and reach their full potential in a safe sporting environment.

All students, parents and spectators are expected to abide by the following code of conduct to ensure all participants achieve their best. Please discuss and co-sign the following code of conduct with your child to ensure a common understanding between students, staff and parents of Maroubra Junction Public School. The student’s and parent’s code of conduct must be signed and returned before they can play in the PSSA competition.

STUDENT’S CODE OF CONDUCT:

Maintain acceptable behaviour standards in the classroom and playground. Your behaviour at school must support the teacher's confidence in you to behave when outside school grounds.

Play for the fun of it.

Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.

Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.

Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.

Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.

Be a good sport. Applaud good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.

At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.

Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

Behave responsibly while travelling on the bus or walking to and from a venue.

I have read the Code of Conduct carefully with my parents and understand it.

I am aware that not following the Code of Conduct may result in unfavourable consequences. For example, I understand I may be asked to leave the field of play or I may miss the following game/games. Students may need to discuss their behaviour with their Sports Coach and in serious or regular instances their Stage Supervisor and the School Principal. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may also result in ineligibility to receive sporting awards at the Sports and Arts Assembly, later in the year.

I agree to compete within the Code of Conduct at all times when representing Maroubra Junction Public School.

Name: (Child) _____________________________________________  Date: ______________________
PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

I agree to:
Encourage my child to always play by the rules and participation
Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not mine.
Teach my child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
Encourage my child to work towards skill improvement.
To never ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
Not publicly question the officials’ judgement and never their honesty.
Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
Having realistic expectations for my child and his or her team. Not expecting more than they can give.
Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
Understand my role is to not coach from the sideline or interrupt the play of the game
Keep any pets on leashes or restrained from children.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct. I am aware that not following the Code of Conduct may result in unfavourable consequences, as listed in the Student’s Code of Conduct.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) _______________________________  Date: ______________________

For more information on the school and coaches’ responsibility please view the ESPSSA Code of Conduct