

## The Johnny Walker Tag Rugby Festival 2022

### Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Supporters

We request that all parents, carers and/or supporters act within the following guidelines:

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in any competitive game.
- Do not question the referee's decisions or honesty. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you, and like you, can sometimes make an honest error.
- **Do not use foul or abusive language in any circumstances.**
- Do not criticise your child's teacher/coach in front of your child or with other parents. Any issues should be raised with the teacher/coach.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their parents, teachers/coaches or the referee.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play to the rules and not to argue with umpires or other officials.
- Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposition.
- Recognise the importance and value of teachers/coaches who may be giving up their time voluntarily.
- Be familiar with the rules of the sport to understand better what you are watching and commenting on.
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters.