

CODE OF CONDUCT

The International Tag Federation Code of Conduct reflects our support in committing to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants involved in the sport. This Code of Conduct sets forth the standards of behaviour expectations from coaches, players, parents, spectators, and representatives, ensuring that everyone contributes to the positive experience and integrity of Tag.

1. THE CORE CODE

- We treat everyone with dignity, fairness, and respect, regardless of differences in ability, background, or perspective.
- We honour the rules of the game, respect the decisions of officials, and demonstrate good sportsmanship towards opponents and teammates.
- We uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and ethical behaviour in all aspects of our involvement in Tag.
- We take responsibility for our actions and conduct ourselves in a manner that reflects positively on ourselves, our teams, and the sport.
- We play by the rules and compete fairly, without resorting to cheating, poor gamesmanship, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- We embrace diversity and foster an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and supported.
- We recognise our role and responsibilities as coaches, players, parents, spectators, and representatives of players from all Nations.
- We strive to be positive role models and leaders, upholding the values of our sport and contributing to its growth and success.
- We prioritise the health, safety, and well-being of all participants, taking measures to prevent injuries and ensure a positive experience for everyone involved.
- We report any concerns or incidents related to the safety or welfare of individuals promptly and appropriately.
- We communicate openly, respectfully, and constructively with coaches, players, parents, officials, and representatives.
- We adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, and policies governing our participation in International Tag Federation events.
- We uphold the standards outlined in this Core Code of Conduct and hold ourselves and others accountable for maintaining the integrity and reputation of our sport.

Eligibility

- Players, coaches, and management personnel who own, operate, or promote games, competitions, tournaments, or events that are considered to be in competition with Oztag™ or any ITF sanctioned event will be ineligible for representative selection or appointment to coaching or management positions within any ITF member representative team.

- For the purposes of this provision, a competing organisation is defined as any entity that promotes any non-tackle variant of the rugby codes, including but not limited to formats utilising detachable Velcro tags.
- Ineligibility will apply where the International Tag Federation (ITF) determines that a conflict of interest exists.

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2. PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

As representatives of your respective Nation, you play a crucial role in promoting the values of integrity, sportsmanship, and respect within our sport and wider community. Your conduct and actions reflect not only on yourself but also on your Nation, your team and the sport. This Players Code of Conduct outlines the principles and expectations that guide your behaviour as a representative of your respective Nation at an International Tag Federation event.

RESPECT

- Treat all participants, including teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators, with courtesy, respect and dignity regardless of differences in background, status, or opinion.
- Refrain from using disrespectful language, gestures, or behaviour towards others, regardless of the circumstances.
- Foster an inclusive and supportive environment within the sport, valuing diversity and promoting equality and respect for all members.

INTEGRITY AND ETHICS

- Uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and ethical behaviour in all your interactions and decision-making processes.
- Act in the best interests of Oztag and its members, demonstrating transparency, fairness, and accountability in your actions.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Play with integrity, fairness, and sportsmanship always, adhering to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Accept victory with humility and defeat with grace, showing respect for your opponents and acknowledging their efforts.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULES, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- Adhere to all relevant laws, regulations, rules, policies, and codes of conduct governing your role within the sport to ensure fair competition and a safe playing environment.
- Respect the decisions of officials and refrain from disputing or challenging their rulings during games.
- Ensure that your actions and decisions comply with the values, principles, and objectives of the International Tag Federation, your Nation, as well as any applicable legal requirements.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- Approach each game and training session with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and improve.
- Encourage and support your teammates, fostering a cooperative and inclusive team environment.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

- Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, your team, your Nation and the sport, both on and off the field.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- Prioritise your own safety and the safety of others by following proper warm-up procedures, wearing appropriate clothing, equipment, and adhering to guidelines for safe play.
- Report any injuries, concerns, or incidents related to the safety or welfare of yourself or others to the appropriate authorities.

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

- Refrain from engaging in verbal or physical altercations with other players or individuals, seeking peaceful resolutions to conflicts.
- Foster open, transparent, and constructive communication with all stakeholders, promoting dialogue, collaboration, and mutual understanding.
- Listen actively to the concerns, feedback, and perspectives of others, and strive to address them in a fair and equitable manner.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

- Resolve conflicts and disputes in a timely, fair, and constructive manner, seeking mutually acceptable solutions through dialogue, mediation, and negotiation.
- Encourage and support the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to address conflicts and grievances within the Tag community.

COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- Continuously seek opportunities for professional development and improvement, enhancing your knowledge, skills, and competencies as a representative of your Nation.
- Actively contribute to the growth, development, and success of Tag, striving to make positive and lasting contributions to the sport.

LEADERSHIP AND ROLE MODELLING

- Lead by example and demonstrate leadership qualities, inspiring others to uphold the values of integrity, sportsmanship, and respect within the sport.
- Serve as a positive role model for players, coaches, officials, and other members of the Tag community, demonstrating exemplary behaviour both on and off the field.

PROFESSIONALISM

- Always conduct yourself in a professional manner, demonstrating respect, courtesy, and professionalism in your dealings with players, coaches, officials, sponsors, and other stakeholders.
- Represent your Nation with pride and professionalism in all public appearances, communications, and engagements

REPRESENTATION

- Recognise the privilege and responsibility of representing your Nation and always conduct yourself as a positive ambassador for our sport.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By adhering to this Players Code of Conduct, you demonstrate your commitment to the principles of integrity, sportsmanship, and respect that define the sport. Your dedication to these values contributes to the positive and inclusive environment that makes our sport so special.

3. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

Coaches play a crucial role in fostering a positive and supportive environment for players to develop their skills, enjoy the sport, and uphold the values of fair play and sportsmanship. This Code of Conduct outlines the expected standards of behaviour for all Tag coaches to ensure the well-being and positive experience of everyone involved.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- Coaches must uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethical behaviour at all times.
- They should demonstrate respect for all players, officials, opponents, spectators, and fellow coaches, regardless of differences in age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or ability.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY

- Coaches are responsible for promoting the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of their players.
- They must prioritise player safety by adhering to the rules and regulations of Tag and implementing appropriate training and injury prevention measures.
- Coaches should provide constructive feedback, encouragement, and support to help players develop their skills and reach their full potential.

FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP

- Coaches must emphasise the importance of fair play, honesty, and respect for the rules of the game.
- Coaches should lead by example and promote a positive and inclusive team culture that values teamwork, cooperation, and mutual respect.

COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Coaches should maintain open and effective communication with players, parents, officials, and administrators.

ROLE MODELLING AND LEADERSHIP

- Coaches are role models for their players and should demonstrate qualities of leadership, responsibility, and accountability.
- They should strive to inspire and motivate their players to achieve their goals, both on and off the field.

COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING

- Coaches must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, including those related to child protection and safeguarding.
- They should report any suspected violations of this Code of Conduct or concerns regarding the welfare of players to the appropriate authorities or governing bodies.

IN CONCLUSION

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, Tag coaches demonstrate their commitment to creating a positive and inclusive environment where players can thrive, learn, and enjoy the sport to the best extent. Failure to comply with this Code may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from coaching duties.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the principles and standards outlined in this Tag Coach Code of Conduct Policy.

4. PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

As a parent or guardian of a player involved in Tag, you play a vital role in shaping the experiences and values that your child gains from participating in our sport. Your support, encouragement, and behaviour significantly impact the overall environment and culture of our sport. This Parents Code of Conduct outlines the principles and expectations that guide your conduct as a member of our community.

POSITIVE SUPPORT

- Provide positive and constructive support to your child and their teammates, encouraging them to enjoy the game and strive for personal improvement.
- Cheer for all players, regardless of the outcome, and avoid placing excessive pressure on your child or others to achieve specific results.

RESPECT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Treat all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and opponents, with respect and courtesy, regardless of differences in background or opinion.
- Refrain from using derogatory language, gestures, or behaviour towards others, and encourage your child to do the same.

RESPECT FOR OFFICIALS

- Respect the authority and decisions of the officials, understanding that they are trained to officiate the game fairly and impartially.
- Refrain from criticising or questioning the decisions of officials during games and encourage your child to do the same.

POSITIVE ROLE MODELLING

- Lead by example and demonstrate good sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for the rules of the game in your interactions with others.
- Avoid engaging in behaviour that may incite conflict or negativity, both on and off the field, and encourage your child to do the same.

COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES

- Maintain open and respectful communication with your child's coach, expressing any concerns or questions in a constructive manner.
- Support the coach's decisions and strategies, understanding that they have the best interests of the team and players in mind.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- Prioritise the safety and well-being of your child and others by ensuring they are adequately prepared for practices and games, including proper hydration, nutrition, and equipment.
- Report any concerns or incidents related to the safety or welfare of your child or others to the appropriate authorities.

SUPPORT INCLUSIVITY

- Foster an inclusive and supportive environment within the Tag community, welcoming participants from all backgrounds and abilities.
- Advocate for fairness, equality, and respect for all individuals involved in the sport, regardless of differences in identity or experience.

RESPECT PRIVACY AND BOUNDARIES

- Respect the privacy and boundaries of players, coaches, officials, and other parents, refraining from intrusive or inappropriate behaviour.
- Seek permission before sharing photos, videos, or personal information about others involved in Australian Tag.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By adhering to this Parents Code of Conduct, you demonstrate your commitment to creating a positive and inclusive environment for all participants in Australian Tag. Your support and encouragement contribute to the development of not only your child but also the values of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity that defines our sport.

5. SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

As spectators at Australian Tag events, you play an essential role in creating a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. Your behaviour and support significantly impact the overall experience of everyone involved. This Spectators Code of Conduct outlines the principles and expectations that guide your conduct as a member of our community.

RESPECT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Treat all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators, with respect and courtesy, regardless of differences in opinion or affiliation.
- Refrain from using derogatory language, gestures, or behaviour towards others, and encourage a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all.

SUPPORT FAIR PLAY

- Cheer for all players and teams, demonstrating appreciation for skilful play and effort, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Avoid engaging in behaviour that may incite conflict or negativity, including taunting, heckling, or booing opponents or officials.

RESPECT FOR OFFICIALS

- Respect the authority and decisions of the officials, understanding that they are responsible for ensuring fair and safe competition.
- Refrain from questioning or criticising the decisions of officials during games and encourage others to do the same.

POSITIVE ROLE MODELLING

- Lead by example and demonstrate good sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for the rules of the game and your interactions with others.
- Avoid engaging in behaviour that may reflect poorly on yourself, your fellow spectators, or the sport as a whole.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Create a supportive and encouraging environment for players and teams, providing positive reinforcement and applause for their efforts.
- Refrain from engaging in behaviour that may distract or disrupt players or officials during games, such as excessive noisemaking or interference.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- Respect the safety and well-being of all participants by following any safety guidelines or instructions provided by event organisers.
- Report any concerns or incidents related to the safety or welfare of participants to event staff or authorities.

RESPECT PRIVACY AND BOUNDARIES

- Respect the privacy and boundaries of players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators, refraining from intrusive or inappropriate behaviour.
- Seek permission before taking photos, videos, or sharing personal information about others involved in Tag events.

ENJOYMENT AND APPRECIATION

- Enjoy the experience of watching and supporting Tag, celebrating the athleticism and skill of the players and teams.
- Appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Tag community and contribute to the positive and inclusive spirit of the sport.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By adhering to this Spectators Code of Conduct, you demonstrate your commitment to creating a positive and enjoyable environment for all participants in Australian Tag. Your support and sportsmanship enhance the overall experience of the game and contributes to the continued growth and success of our sport.