



South African Touch Association (Est. 1994)
Affiliated to the Federation of International Touch (FIT)
Associate Member of the South African Rugby Union (SARU)

CODE OF CONDUCT

SENIOR NATIONALS 2025

It is the responsibility of the Associations to distribute this Code to all participants

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS AT SATA ENDORSED LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES AND CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT TO:
 - 1.1. Encourage honest and open competition.
 - 1.2. Respect individual differences of people within SATA.
 - 1.3. Display gentlemanly and ladylike characteristics.
 - 1.4. Support innovation and creativity.
 - 1.5. Share failures and celebrate success.
 - 1.6. Share the responsibility and workloads.
 - 1.7. Participate as members of a team to achieve the organisation's goals and objectives
 - 1.8. Adhere to directions from Tournament Officials and show respect to them at all times.
 - 1.9. Adhere strictly to the SATA Alcohol, Smoking, Offensive Language/Verbal Abuse & Doping Policies as stipulated in Points 15 & 16 of the Tournament Rules & Regulations Document
 - 1.10. Demonstrate respect for the event and other competitors by attending medal / prize-giving ceremony
2. PLAYER'S CODE:
 - 2.1. Play by the rules at all times.
 - 2.2. Play equally intensively for yourself and your team.
 - 2.3. Be equally loyal to yourself and your team.
 - 2.4. Exhibit exemplary sporting-like behaviour at all times.
 - 2.5. Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times.
 - 2.6. Cooperate with your coach, manager, team mates and officials.
 - 2.7. Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are.

Executive Committee Members

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3. REFEREES CODE:

- 3.1. Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- 3.2. Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- 3.3. Be consistent, courteous in calling all infractions.
- 3.4. Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsporting, and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- 3.5. Use common sense to ensure the "spirit of the game" for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- 3.6. Be conscious that you are seen as a 'Role Model'
- 3.7. Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and / or interpretation of rules
- 3.8. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles.

4. COACHES CODE

- 4.1. Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreement, which no one should try to evade or deliberately break.
- 4.2. Be reasonable with your demands on players, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm.
- 4.3. Avoid over playing and / or training your players.
- 4.4. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards of the age, sex and ability of your team
- 4.5. Demonstrate respect for all your players no matter what level of ability they possess.
- 4.6. Do not swear or abuse them.
- 4.7. Develop respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials.
- 4.8. Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principles and abreast of current trends.

5. ADMINISTRATORS / OFFICIALS CODE

- 5.1. Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in Touch is available to all regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, ethnic origin, or disability.
- 5.2. Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of all the participants
- 5.3. Establish that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique.

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- 5.4. Provide a balance in sports programs, avoiding them becoming primarily spectator and / or participant entertainment only.
- 5.5. Focus on the needs of the participant and the enjoyment of the spectator.
- 5.6. Provide opportunities aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- 5.7. Ensure the parents, coaches, sponsors administrators, officials, physicians and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- 5.8. Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good Sportsmanship.
 - 5.8.1. Modify rules and regulations to match the needs of the players and the level and nature of the competition.
- 5.9. Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation, fun, safety and enjoyment for all.

6. BREACHES OF CODE

- 6.1. Any participant who breaches this code of conduct will have the matter referred to the Executive Committee of the South African Touch Association.
- 6.2. The Executive Committee or its appointed sub-committee will make enquiries and investigate any breaches.
- 6.3. Any participant reported for breaches of the code related to such an enquiry will be suspended from all Touch until all matters associated with the enquiry have been finalised.
- 6.4. Any penalty resulting from the findings of the enquiry will be imposed by the Executive Committee of the South African Touch Association and may include fines and / or suspension from Touch at all levels. This may include International, National, Regional / Provincial
- 6.5. Any appeal against the penalties imposed by the Executive in this matter must be heard by the Executive Committee of the South African Touch Association. In the interim period whilst an appeal hearing is pending only the fine portion of any penalty is suspended.

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