

# Event Code of Conduct



## YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY SCHOOL SPORT FOR FUN!

We want all of our events to be enjoyable, played in the right spirit and fun for all concerned. As part of our ongoing commitment to developing key life skills and growing the sporting volunteer workforce of tomorrow, many of our events will be supported and officiated by young leaders.

To support a positive experience for all involved we ask that:

### Players:

- Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of their age, racial origin, culture, language, religious beliefs, gender, sexual identity or ability.
- Respect the referee, umpire or official's decisions and the rules of the game.
- Co-operate with teachers, coaches, volunteers, teammates and opponents.
- Control your temper and do not criticise others by words or gestures.
- Work to the best of your ability both individually and as a team.
- Be a good sport and recognise good play, even when it comes from the opposing players.
- Respect the hosting facility and equipment being used.
- Wear appropriate footwear & kit and remove jewellery before play.

### Parents / Spectators:

- Applaud good performance and effort by your team and the opponents.
- Congratulate both teams regardless of the result.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and the respect the official's decisions.
- Never ridicule or criticise young people for making a mistake during an event/competition, mistakes are part of learning.
- Condemn the use of violence or abuse in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, teachers, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, teachers, volunteers or officials.
- Recognise the value and importance of teachers, volunteers, coaches and officials, and show your appreciation.
- Let the teacher/coach/official do their job, don't confuse players by telling them what to do.
- Anyone taking photos/videos should familiarise themselves with the Photo & Video Policy displayed at the event.

### Coaches / Teachers / Team Managers / Officials / Event Volunteers:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including your players, match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators.
- Compliment both teams on their effort, giving positive and constructive criticism.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling infractions.
- Don't use inappropriate language, behaviour and/or violence of any form.
- Act as a positive role model, adhere to the rules, accept decisions graciously and teach players to do the same.
- Ensure that your behaviour is always consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Always place the wellbeing, safety & development of young people before the performance or result.
- Encourage players to value their own performance and not just results.
- Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of their age, racial origin, culture, language, religious beliefs, gender, sexual identity or ability.
- Use common sense to ensure that the 'Spirit of the Games' for young people is not lost by overcalling violations.



# Spirit of the Games

'Spirit of the Games Awards' will be given at many of our city competitions to schools that display the School Games Values.

Competition creates the ideal context in which to explore personal values and conduct, as through it young people can learn how to handle victory and defeat, how to believe in their abilities and achieve their personal best, and how to respect their opponents and work with their teammates to achieve success.

The way in which schools communicate these values and involve young people in championing this cause will help bring the Spirit of the Games to life. This will ensure that competitive school sport is a rich learning experience for young people, and an experience which develops them to be not only the best sports person they can be but the best person they can be as well.

Please use the details around each School Games Value as a teaching aid for your classes, teams & staff to help them to understand the expectations of behaviour within sport and how they can best represent themselves and their school at our events.



## Teamwork

Treating everyone equally, supporting each other and working together to have fun and achieve. Celebrate each other's success and be a positive team player.

## Respect

For the officials, opposition, teammates, yourself and the game. Accepting victory and defeat with grace, treating others politely and with understanding. Respect every day, in every sport and for everyone.



## Passion

Giving it 100%, putting your heart and soul into the game and never giving up. Passion makes you enter the race and passion makes you finish it!

## Self-belief

You have to believe to achieve! Have the self-belief and confidence to success and reach your personal best.



## Honesty

With others and with yourself. Have the courage to do the right thing and what you know is right. Let the best person win, not the best cheat!

## Determination

Never giving up on trying to achieve your goals. Putting in 100% even at difficult times and being the very best you can be.



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that school sport is an enjoyable and safe environment for all concerned.