



## SHPSSA Sports Code of Conduct

### The Aim of the Code of Conduct

The aim of this code of conduct is to provide a set of guiding principles for all players, teachers, coaches and spectators attending any SHPSSA sports events. The code of conduct is applicable to all levels of competition including friendly matches.

### This Code of Conduct is designed to:

- Facilitate the enjoyment of competitive sport.
- Make teachers, coaches, parents and volunteers aware that children play sport for enjoyment.
- Improve the confidence, psychological well being and physical fitness of children by making sport attractive, safe and enjoyable for everyone.
- Protect players, coaches, teachers and parents from any form of abuse.
- Promote the good reputation of the SHPSSA member schools in the wider community.

### Players should:

- Play the game for the purpose of their own enjoyment whilst playing to the best of their ability.
- Respect the rules of the game and play in a manner that shows pride in their actions.
- Adopt a positive attitude and support and encourage others at all times.
- Treat all match officials, coaches and players with respect.
- Accept the decision of the team selection of their coach with grace.
- Take responsibility for pre-game preparations.

### Coaches / Teachers should:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything else, including winning.
- Explain exactly what they expect of players and what they can expect from them.
- Instil the correct attitude towards representing the school team.
- Be positive throughout all competitions and act as a role model.
- Praise and encourage players providing constructive feedback and player / team development strategies.
- Encourage players to respect all team members, opponents, officials and volunteers.
- Insist on fair play, and never tolerate poor behaviour, foul play or foul language.

### Parents & Spectators should:

- Accept that school sport is not only about competing to win but promoting player development, social interaction, enjoyment of sport and gaining competition experience.
- Appreciate that representing a school sports team is a privilege to be earned and not a right.
- Remember that the pupils are involved in the sport of their choice and play for fun.
- Parents and spectators should offer positive encouragement and praise to all participants.
- Respect the role of the coach and match officials. Any questions about results and rules of play should be politely directed to the adult in charge of their team.
- Understand that it is the coach/teachers right to select whom he/she believes to be the most appropriate team in the circumstances.
- Support their child's involvement and help them enjoy sport.



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**The following sanctions have been put in place for players, teachers, coaches, parents & other spectators in breach of the Code of Conduct:**

- All instances of a breach of the code of conduct to be reported to the event organiser and chairperson.
- For minor issues the teacher in charge should approach individuals and politely request that all behaviour should be in line with the SHPSSA code of conduct.
- Failure to comply would result in those individual's involved being requested to leave the event with the support of the school.
- For all major breaches - The head teacher of the school involved should be contacted.
- Schools should put in place their own in house sanctions based on the nature of the event.
- Individuals involved would no longer be invited to further SHPSSA sporting events for the remainder of the academic year.

**Thank you for reading and adhering to the SHPSSA code of conduct. Your engagement and support is very much appreciated.**