

## **CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR SCHOOL SPORT**

*(Based on IPSHA Aims and Principles of Junior School Sport and Aussie Sport)*

The role of the host school / convenor is to be clearly defined (i.e. responsibilities re provision of umpires, referees, sportsmanship, barracking, courtesy etc.)

Host School (i.e. staff, children and parents) should welcome visitors to the school grounds.

### **COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Basic skills should be taught to all team members. Children should be encouraged to play hard and win fairly.
- Teach your players that rules of the sport are mutual agreements, which no-one should evade or break.
- Children should participate for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Coaching during games should not interfere with the control by the referee or umpire, nor should it be offensive to opponents
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Make it positive experience for the children

### **PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether they are by your team, opponent or the other team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the 'highlight' of the event.
- If a player is sent off during the game, a one-week suspension is recommended.
- Thank the opposition and officials at the end of a game

## **SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the officials' decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.
- Positive comments are motivational and encourage continued effort.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Comments should not interfere with the running of the game.
- Focus on the efforts and performance of the children rather than the result.

### **PRAISE**

Praise is encouraged at all levels.

### **COMPLAINTS** concerning the conduct of games:

- **should not** be made during or after the game.
- **should** be referred to one's Head of Junior School and any action should be left to his/her discretion.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES**  
should parents contact schools directly.

**All grounds must be kept clean and  
litter must be placed in the bins provided.**