

CODES OF CONDUCT

School Sport Australia offers the sporting ideals of fairness, honesty and integrity which are central to the code of practice for students, officials and spectators.

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be a good sport
- Play for enjoyment
- Strive for personal excellence
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself
- Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself
- Play by the rules
- Cooperate with team and game officials
- Control your Conduct on and off the field
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

TEAM MANAGEMENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Set a good example for your players
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills
- Teach a wide range of team skills
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the players involved
- Teach your players to be respectful towards officials and opponents
- Give all students a chance to participate in training and games
- Remove from the field of play any of your players whose conduct is not acceptable
- Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment
- No tour official of the opposite gender should enter the team change rooms until all team members have completed changing
- It is inappropriate for any team official to be in a situation where the official is alone with a team member
- Adhere to appropriate mandatory reporting requirements

ADMINISTRATORS' AND OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games are safe and match the needs and skill level of the students involved
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are available for all students
- Involve students in planning, evaluation and decision making
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate conduct
- Encourage a positive attitude towards children's sport
 - i) emphasise fun and enjoyment
 - ii) encourage both teams
 - iii) set a good example
 - iv) encourage the pursuit of personal excellence
- Be consistent, respectful and helpful toward all participants
- Use common sense to ensure that the 'spirit of the game' for students is not lost
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports conduct and skill technique, and that these officials are given the opportunity to improve their coaching and officiating
- Remember that students play for enjoyment
- Focus on the needs of the students
- Distribute a Code of Conduct sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and take other positive steps to ensure people understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in children's sport
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage participation by your child
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy
- Be respectful in your communication
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any championships
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Demonstrate appropriate conduct
- Remember students play for enjoyment. Don't let your conduct detract from their enjoyment
- Let game officials conduct events without interference
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be aware of the difference between adult's sports programs and children's sports programs
- Students are not miniature professionals and adults should not place unfair expectations upon them
- Place in perspective the isolated incidents of poor conduct, rather than make such incidents the "highlight" of the event
- Focus upon students fair play and their honest effort
- Identify and report on the benefits of students participating in sport

Inappropriate Conduct

- Having or consuming alcohol
- Having or using other illegal drugs or substances
- Smoking
- Sexual activities
- Sexual harassment
- Criminal offences
- Swearing or abusing others
- Physical violence
- Harassment or vilification including the use of Social Media
- Breaking team curfews
- Refusing to comply with instructions
- Poor sportsmanship or cheating

Other Relevant Supporting Documents

- State and Territory member body Student Participation Agreements
- School Sport Australia Student Conduct – Team Management Procedures