



## SPORTING START

### **Code of Conduct for School Sport**

The Code of Conduct has been created for teachers, coaches, match officials, pupils, parents and spectators to refer to when engaged with sport in schools.

#### **Teachers / Coaches**

1. Staff must follow school procedure and seek out school procedures within their first 4 weeks of working within a new school. Staff must know school fire evacuation policy as a matter of urgency.
2. Turn up and be punctual (SSPE staff should be onsite 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of a session). If staff are going to be absent from work they must notify their manager and their school before 7.30am on the day in question. Acceptable staff absence can be illness or family illness, family bereavement or for interviews. Following 4 isolated absences the member of staff will be placed on probation for 3 months to manage the absence.
3. Staff must wear SSPE uniform or appropriate sports kit. They must not use kit that promotes another company.
4. Staff are responsible for their sports equipment (that is distributed from SSPE headquarters). Staff must return the same number of equipment that they issued. Normal wear and tear is acceptable but severe or regular damage will be monitored.
5. When working in schools SSPE have a responsibility to ensure that coaches use appropriate behaviour when working with young people and commit fully to the spirit of this code of practice.
6. Young people play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of this. Never ridicule or shout at children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
7. Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in school sport are made available to all young people, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, disability or ethnic origin.
8. Teachers / coaches must be reasonable in their demands on young people's time, energy and enthusiasm and physical capabilities.
9. Players should be grouped according to age, skill and physical maturity where appropriate and in accordance with the relevant Governing Body. KS1 and KS2

should not participate together (unless risk assessed and approved by coach and head teacher).

10. Teachers / coaches should try to arrange an appropriate balance between practice and fixtures – to ensure all children are prepared for competition.
  11. Teach players that the rules/laws of the game are for their own safety and should be respected at all times.
  12. Ensure that players respect the ability of their opponents and the judgement of match officials.
  13. Ensure that adequate supervision is provided. Children must be supervised at all time. If a first aid or behaviour incident occurs two children must be sent inside to find another member of staff in a classroom or office.
  14. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, teachers, coaches, officials or players.
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## **Spectators**

1. Young people play school sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
2. Applaud good performance and effort by your team and the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the official's decision. If there is a disagreement, do not question a young leader or official, please seek the event organiser.
4. Never tell your child to play by other rules that are not within the NGB rules.
5. Never ridicule or criticise young people/ young leader or official for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
6. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, teachers, officials or players.
7. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
8. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official's decision.
9. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, teachers or officials.
10. Recognise the value and importance of teachers, volunteer coaches and officials. They give their time and resources to provide school sport opportunities and deserve support.

## **Officials**

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of participants. Encourage rule change which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
  2. Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” for young people is not lost by overcalling violations.
  3. Compliment both teams on their efforts.
  4. Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling infractions.
  5. Condemn the use of foul language and violence of any form.
  6. Promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
  7. Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship at all times.
  8. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and rule changes.
  9. Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religious beliefs or gender
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## **Pupils**

1. Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religious beliefs or gender.
2. Respect the referee, umpire or officials’ decisions and the rules of the game.
3. Co-operate with teachers, coaches, volunteers, team mates and opponents.  
Without them there would be no game!
4. Control your temper both on and off the playing area. The use of bad language, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent is not permitted in any school sport.
5. Do not criticise others by words or gesture.
6. Work to the best of your ability both individually and as a team.
7. Be committed to your team by showing good attendance at training sessions, being positive and motivating others.
8. Be a good sport. Cheer all good play whether it is from your team or the other team.
9. Respect the facility and equipment being used.
10. Wear appropriate kit and remove jewellery before play.
11. Smoking, consuming alcohol and taking non-prescribed drugs is not permitted.