



STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR IN SPORT

Star of the Sea School has reproduced the following guidelines to assist teachers, coaches, students and parents.

All parents are encouraged to spend time reading and discussing these guidelines with their children. This will help ensure our school provides positive sporting experiences for all students.

Sport in our school is an important part of a full and balanced education for our students. It is important that coaches, where possible, provide well-organised, developmental and positive sporting experiences appropriate to the age and ability levels of the students. **There is also an expectation that fun, enjoyment and equal playing time for all children will be the primary objectives of our sporting program.**

PLAYERS

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal and physical abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Be aware of playing times and venues and be punctual.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show respect, support and appreciation of coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
10. If your school is host, assume some responsibility for making visiting parents feel at home.
11. If you are visiting another school, respect the host school's premises and rules in matters of parking, tidiness, etc.

COACHES

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow the rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
6. All players need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Develop sportsmanship by encouraging respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.
11. Make clear your expectations regarding courtesies, punctuality, behaviour and dress.
12. Encourage leadership and responsibility by all players of the team.
13. Never argue with an official. Approach the official during a break or after the competition.