

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct for Players, Teachers, Principals, School Executives, Parents and Officials

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. The following Code applies to school sport at all levels and is designed to highlight:-

- ❖ The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport
- ❖ That students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers
- ❖ The encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribution to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

PLAYERS' CODE

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Students play organised school sport for their own enjoyment and fulfilment. They are not playing to specifically entertain you.
- Always respect the decisions of officials.
- Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty. Any concerns MUST be raised through the coach or manager.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
- Show respect for your opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to always play according to the rules.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams, including the opposition.