

OUT OF HOURS SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

The HBPS Code of Conduct is set in place to ensure that the Out of Hours School Sporting experience is safe, inclusive, supportive and enjoyable for everyone involved. The overarching principle for school sport is to provide students with an opportunity to try new sports and have fun in a safe, inclusive environment with their peers/class mates.

Coaches and Team Managers

- Must be HBPS registered volunteers with all clearances in place before the start of a season.
- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport and teach the players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
- Give all players fair attention and opportunity, e.g. even match time, trying out different playing positions.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. This encourages players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Where needed, you will follow medical advice when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure that you have immediate access to every child's contact details and medical information at training and games.

Parents and Carers

- Parents must be in attendance at all times for training and games unless otherwise agreed with the coach, team manager or another parent who has accepted responsibility for your child.
- Parents are responsible for the care of any uniform or equipment items issued by the school. Uniforms many not be altered in any way. Lost or damaged uniforms may incur a fee.
- Parents must administer any medication required to their own child as part of any student's Medical Health Care Plan.
- Focus on your child's efforts, performance and progress rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example; appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators because without them your child could not participate. This includes adhering to the sporting association's expectations.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Players

- Play by the rules, never argue with an official.
- Appreciate and endeavour to applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
- Control your emotions. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.

• Attend training where possible. If you are unable to attend, please discuss this with your coach.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

- Instances of repeated unacceptable behaviour by any player or parent (in any capacity) should be reported to the coach and/or team manager or the Sports Coordinator who will escalate to the school for resolution.
- School Leadership has the right to determine the appropriate action to be taken based on the circumstances. Actions may include suspension from the team or from school sport for a time period determined by the school.