PSSA CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Summer PSSA sport has commenced for students in Years 3-6. The Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) and the school welcome parents to all games to support their children and school. Sport provides many valuable learning experiences, but for most children enjoyment is the most important outcome. If they don’t have fun, they will not want to play.

All players, spectators and teachers and coaches are expected to follow the sport code of conduct guidelines in order to make every sporting experience a positive one for all concerned. Failure to follow these expectations can result in disciplinary action or exclusion from the sport, not only for players, but also for spectators and staff.

The expectations for spectators, players and staff are as follows.

Code of conduct for spectators

- Remember that students play organised sport for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you, and they are NOT miniature professional athletes
- Respect the officials’ decisions
- Be on your best behaviour. Do not indulge in physical or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Applaud good play by your own team and the opposing team
- Show respect for your opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Do not encourage or condone the use of violence in any form
- Encourage players always to play according to the rules

Code of conduct for players

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official (umpire / referee / manager)
- Control my temper
- Work equally hard for myself and for my team
- Be a good sport
- Treat all participants in my sport as I would like to be treated
- Co-operate with my coach, team-mates and opponents
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please my parents and coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
Code of conduct for teachers / coaches

- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- Be reasonable in demands on players’ time, energy and enthusiasm
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players to do the same
- Ensure that the time players spend is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- Display control, respect and professionalism to players, officials, spectators or other coaches and encourage players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- Show concern and caution toward sick or injured players
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background

Adherence to these expectations results in positive experiences for all concerned. If you have any concerns please contact me at any time.

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