



IPSHA CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the 'highlight' of the event.
- If a player is sent off during the game, a one-week's suspension is recommended.

SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the officials' decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.
- Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Comments should not interfere with the running of the game.

PRAISE

- Praise is encouraged at all levels.

COMPLAINTS

- Complaints concerning the conduct of games should not be made during or after the game. They should be referred to the Head of the School and any action should be left to his/her discretion.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should parents contact schools directly.
- All grounds must be kept clean – litter must be placed in the bins provided.