CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR SPORT

February, 2014

Dear Parents and Students

Schools participating in PSSA sports have *Codes of Behaviour* for parents, spectators and players.

You are requested to read and discuss the accompanying codes with your child before returning the tear-off slips to school. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.

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Sports Coordinator       Principal

PARENT’S CODE

*If children participating in sport are to develop basic skills and experience the fun of playing they require thoughtful and purposeful adult assistance.*

(‘The Hon. Baldock, M.H.A Tasmania)

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in a particular sport.
2. Remember your children are involved in organised school sport for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials’ judgment and never their honesty.
8. Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teacher-coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child.
9. Have realistic expectations for your child and his/her team - do not expect more than they can give.
SPECTATOR’S CODE

The role of the spectator is to enhance the players’ enjoyment.

(R. Coggan, NSW Public Schools Sports Council)

1. Remember that students play organised sport for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you and they are NOT miniature professional athletes.

2. Respect the officials’ decisions.

3. Be on your best behaviour. Do not indulge in physical or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials’ or other spectators.

4. Applaud good play by your own team and the opposing team.

5. Show respect for your opponents. Without them there would be no game.

6. Never ridicule a player for making a mistake or losing a competition.

7. Do not encourage or condone the use of violence in any form.

8. Encourage players always to play according to the rules.

PLAYER’S CODE

It isn’t whether you win or lose, but how you play the game. (from Grantland Rice)

1. Play for the fun of it.

2. Compete by the rules and always abide by the referees’ / umpires’ or touch judges’ decisions.

3. Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture.

4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.

5. Be willing to train and prepare for the game. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.

6. Play only when you are fully fit. To play with an injury will handicap your team and may expose you to the risk of serious, lifelong injury.

7. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members.

8. At all times co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents - without them you do not have a competition.

9. Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

We have read and discussed the above codes (for parents, spectators and players) and agree to abide by these codes.

Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Child’s Name: ____________________________

Signature: _______________________________ Signature: _______________________________

Date: __________________