

Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct: Young Players / Competitors

It is important that everyone behaves themselves when playing sport within the Newcastle School Sports Association.

As a player / competitor, you have a big part to play that's why Newcastle School Sports Association is asking every player and competitor to follow their Code of Conduct.

When competing for my school or district, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the officials, spectators or my teacher/coach/team manager.
- Do what the officials tell me, first time.
- Shake hands with opponents and officials at the end of the game.
- Listen to my teacher/coach/team manager and respect what they say.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or someone from my school if I'm unhappy about anything.
- Not use mobile phones or any photographic technology to take images or record fellow teammates whilst at school sports fixtures.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken against me by my school and or Newcastle School Sports Association.

Code of Conduct: Sanctions

- **Foul and abusive language towards players/official/staff** – removal of player from that game.
- **Violent Conduct** – sending off and blanket three match ban.

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Code of Conduct: Spectators

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at all Newcastle School Sports Association fixtures to ensure sport can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Play your part and observe this Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Not use mobile phones or photographic technology to take images of my child or any other young person at sports event.

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Let the teachers/coaches do their job and not confuse the competitors by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning.
- Photos may be requested direct to schools prior to events should you wish to have pictures of your child competing.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken against me by my child's school or Newcastle School Sports Association.

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Spectators may be asked to leave the premises at any time should member of staff present deem their conduct to be inappropriate for a school sport fixtures.

Bans may be issued if incidents are deemed severe by the School Sports Association.

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Code of Conduct: Teachers & Coaches

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for teachers, coaches, team managers and match officials at all times.

I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the fixture including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the appropriate rules, regulations and laws of the game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the match official's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each competitor above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of competitors and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all competitors understand these expectations.
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every competitor to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each competitor to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the competitors' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others outside and within Newcastle School Sports Association (e.g. teachers, match officials, doctors, physiotherapists) for each competitor's best interests.

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Code of Conduct: Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in school sport. The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

When officiating I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match.
- Apply the competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Support my match official colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the fixture.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every fixture.
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate.

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