



## Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and other Spectators Attending School Sporting Events

The following code of conduct provides a set of simple protocols for spectators to promote a safe and positive environment at all sporting events at school, cluster, diocesan, state and national level for everyone involved.

By accepting the standards of behaviour in the code, we model good sportsmanship to our students, provide opportunities for them to grow on the sports field and ensure that sporting occasions are positive experiences for all concerned.

I strongly recommend that parents, carers and other spectators adopt this code of conduct.

Peter Hamill  
Director of Schools

- Children are encouraged to participate in sport but should not be obliged to participate.
- It is preferable to focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Respect for the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion is central to the culture of sport.
- All participants and supporters are encouraged to familiarise themselves with any rules or guidelines (e.g. printed in the program or on notices at the venue) that apply to a particular event and abide by any such rules & guidelines.
- Children are encouraged always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Officials' decisions should be respected by both spectators and players.
- All participants and supporters are asked to show appreciation for coaches, officials and managers and maintain positive relationships by being courteous and constructive in all communication with them.
- Barracking may be enthusiastic but it should never be fanatical or designed to heckle, belittle or disturb opposing team members.
- The use of bad language or any other form of harassment of players (from the opposition or a school's team), coaches, officials, referees or other spectators is unacceptable.
- Ridiculing or yelling at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition is not appropriate.
- Verbal and physical abuse by players is unacceptable.
- School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment applies to all Broken Bay sporting events.
- The authority of coaches and managers should be respected and it is inappropriate to question or confront them at the sports venue or during training sessions in front of other spectators and players.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the behaviour/approach/methods of team coaches, managers or supervising staff, please do not approach them directly. Direct any queries or concerns to:

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