

This Code of Conduct is in place to ensure that all pupils, team managers, coaches, teachers, spectators, parents and carers have the best possible experience whilst taking part in any of the events we organise.

Our aim is to ensure that young people (as athletes, officials or coaches) have the opportunity to develop, learn and enjoy their experience of competition within a positive and safe environment.

Team Managers are expected to familiarise themselves with this Code of Conduct, sharing the ethos and spirit of the games with pupils and any spectators or staff that may be with the team.

Our Ethos

CSSP recognises the importance of providing a healthy competitive environment where all children can enjoy and thrive. Competition creates the ideal context for young people to explore their personal values and conduct, learn how to handle victory and defeat, how to believe in their abilities and achieve their personal best, and how to respect their opponents and work with their team-mates to achieve success.

Pupils, teachers, team managers, coaches, parents and carers are asked to uphold the School Games Values which underpin our code of conduct.

The six values² are:

- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Self-Belief
- Passion
- Determination

Developing and working with Young Sports Leaders

Croydon SSP are keen to develop the next generation of volunteers in sport and therefore support the use of young leaders at our events. Through undertaking meaningful roles in the organisation and delivery of school and community sport, young people will develop important life skills, confidence and competence.

We work closely with our young leaders to give them training and support them during our competitions and part of this is working to improve their skills which can only be developed through practice.

Code of Conduct Expectations

Pupils are expected to:

- Work to the best of your ability both individually and as a team.
- Respect the facilities and equipment being used.
- Co-operate with teachers, coaches, officials, sports leaders, referees, umpires, volunteers, teammates and opponents, respecting their decisions and the rules of the game.
- Use correct and proper language at all times; do not criticise others by words or gesture.
- Recognise good play even when it comes from the other team and acknowledge the performance of the opposition through shaking of hands at the end of competition.
- Be a good sport; accept victory and defeat equally with good grace.
- Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religion or gender.
- Wear the appropriate kit and remove jewellery before play.

Teachers, Coaches, Team Managers, Sports Leaders and AOTTS¹ are expected to:

- Act as a positive, professional role model, demonstrating the principles of good sportsmanship at all times.
- Teach pupils to adhere to the rules, promote fair play and encourage players to value their performance and not just results.
- Show respect for peers, opponents, teachers, coaches, officials, sports leaders and their decisions.
- Place the wellbeing and safety of a player before the development of performance.
- Be mindful that the “spirit of the game” for young people is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Remember the young leaders are still learning themselves and need encouragement and support.
- Ensure that you register your team(s) on arrival at an event directly with the event organiser. Notifying them immediately if there issues such as gender ratios being incomplete, or that you have missing teams etc.
- Be punctual – arrive in good time for the event and be ready to start matches on time. In the event of a delay, ensure that you let the event organiser know that you are running late, and/or not able to attend. (Late arrivals or ‘No Shows’ delay the start of the competitions, which affects all the teams involved and may lead to their team forfeiting their place.
- Ensure that there is an appropriate member of staff responsible for pupils during events.
- Ensure that parents, carers and spectators behave appropriately as outlined below (taking the appropriate level of action where necessary to ensure adherence or exclusion).
- Treat all people fairly and with respect regardless of race, background, religion or gender.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Ensure that all individuals present at an event are aware of, and familiar with this Code of Conduct.

Parents, Carers and Spectators are expected to:

- Use designated viewing areas (signposted) to support your athlete(s) during competition.
- Remember that young people play sport for their own enjoyment.
- Be a positive model and encourage players to play by the rules.
- Show respect for peers, opponents, teachers, coaches, officials, sports leaders and their decisions.
- Help all athletes achieve their best and enjoy the event by being supportive throughout the competition; applauding good performance and effort by your team and the opponents.
- Never ridicule or criticise young people for making a mistake during a competition, mistakes are part of learning.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using inappropriate language or gestures; or by harassing players, coaches, teachers, officials or young leaders.
- Let the teacher/coach/young leader do their job, don’t confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Recognise the value and importance of teachers, volunteer coaches and officials, and show your appreciation.

Should you have any queries related to the conduct of an attendee at one of our events and you are unable to address this directly with the parties involved, please speak to the CSSP team member who is present.

¹ Adults other than Teachers

² You can find more information on how these values relate to the different roles involved [here](#)

Code of Conduct Concerns

Where there is a concern of not adhering to the Code of Conduct, the following actions may be taken:

- The event organiser can remind the person(s)/school(s) involved to follow the code.
- The event organiser is entitled to warn the person(s)/school(s) that they can be deducted points for on-going concerns.
- The event organiser should discuss the behaviour with relevant person(s) from the school and parents if applicable to attempt to reach a solution.
- The event organiser can warn the person(s)/school(s) for a final time, deduct points and warn that the team(s) may be withdrawn from the event.
- The event organiser may withdraw a team/school from an event.

Where Croydon SSP feel it is relevant or of particular concern, we will also take steps to inform the school directly of the incident.

If a school is consistently warned at more than one event, the Partnership has the option to withdraw a school from all of its competitions for that academic year.