

PARENTAL CONDUCT

DO:

- Encourage children to play by the rules.
- Set a good example – applaud good play by both teams.
- Encourage your child to improve his or her skills through coaching sessions.
- Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any player, regardless of the team for whom they play.
- Remember that young players learn much by example.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials and staff and encourage young players to do likewise.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
- Always support the school in its efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- **Remember your children play for their enjoyment, not yours.**

DO NOT:

- Yell at a player for making a mistake – they are all trying their best.
- Go onto the pitch – unless invited to do so by the relevant member of staff.
- Abuse the referee/umpire – they are usually volunteers and the game cannot go on without them.

THE GOOD PERFORMER'S CODE

PLAYERS SHOULD:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play and enjoy the sporting environment.
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to the school and team-mates.
- Recognise that every young player has a right to expect their involvement in sport to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- Understand that if an individual or group of young players feel that they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then you have a right to tell an appropriate member of staff.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents.
- Show good sportsmanship – win or lose.
- Play to the laws of the game, and accept, without question, all referees'/umpires' decisions.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team-mates, opponents or match officials is not accepted.
- Avoid all foul, blasphemous or obscene language, which serves no purpose, other than to bring discredit on the player, team and school he or she represents.