

SACSA SPORTS CODES OF CONDUCT

1. FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- 1.1. Encourage your children to participate in sport.
- 1.2. Have a 'do your best' rather than a 'win at all costs' attitude to your child's involvement.⁹
- 1.3. Encourage all children to always play by the rules.¹⁰
- 1.4. Remember children play for enjoyment at all levels. Do not let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- 1.5. Parents and spectators **must not challenge** decisions made by officials in charge, any problems or complaints should be taken up with the school's coach or representative.
- 1.6. Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- 1.7. Be a good example of a spectator at your child's games by applauding good play from both teams. Accept the decisions of umpires and officials. Never criticize coaches, officials, or players. Avoid being overzealous to the point of embarrassing children. They value your encouragement, but do not want attention focused on their every move.¹¹
- 1.8. Verbal abuse / swearing or ridiculing player or official is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 1.9. Allow the coaches space to do their job without interfering. Encourage your child to be attentive and cooperative to their coach. Wait until the coach has dismissed the players before interacting.
- 1.10. Recognise the value and importance of coaches and other volunteers. Encourage them, thank them, and offer your support. Discuss your child's involvement with them.
- 1.11. Never abuse or ridicule a player for making mistakes.¹²
- 1.12. Support the event, your child's and your child's team. the teams.
- 1.13. Provide a model of good sports behaviour for your child to copy.
- 1.14. Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials, and sport administrators.
- 1.15. Encourage honest effort, skilled performance, and team loyalty.
- 1.16. Do not interfere with the running of any events, you are there to support your child's team.
- 1.17. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- 1.18. Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- 1.19. Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.

- 1.20. The SACSA Carnival Convener and or the SACSA Executive Sports Coordinator reserve the right to (in serious cases) remove any spectator/ coach / team / player from any carnival.
- 1.21. While it is the expectation of SACSA that all member schools will internally handle disciplinary actions. SACSA also requires that member schools will comply with any determination made by the SACSA Sports Tribunal if an incident has occurred and been reported.

Bible References

Players | Coaches | Spectators/Parents

⁹ "...whatever you may do, do all for the honour and glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)

¹⁰ "Do not become weary or lose heart in doing right" (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

¹¹ "...Parents...don't keep scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful" (Ephesians 6:4).

¹² "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged" (Colossians 3: 21)