

Associated and Catholic Colleges of Western Australia

The ACC strives to encourage and support all CAS schools in the running of their Sub Association competition, under the maxim 'Sport in the right Spirit'.

Sport can positively influence a young person's value of physical fitness and a sense of self-worth. This can take place through the opportunity to develop and build personal characteristics such as determination, self-discipline, obedience and team work.

Good sportsmanship is an integral part of all that is best in sport. It includes a generous spirit, true respect for others, graciousness and an ability to resist the temptation of gaining an unfair advantage. Good sportsmanship is an honorable behavior and a valuable life skill both on and off the playing field.

Codes of Behaviour

The following guidelines have been developed to assist everyone involved in ACC sport to promote worthy competition and make it clear what is deemed acceptable behaviour. All those involved in ACC fixtures such as players, coaches and spectators are required to adhere to these codes.

Players Code of Behaviour

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision, speak with your coach and they will deem an appropriate time to communicate the concerns with the umpire.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Positive and sportsmanlike behavior should be exhibited by extending standard courtesies to the opposing teams. E.g. – applaud good play, thank referees and opposition at the end of the game.
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or use unfair or illegal tactics to gain an advantage.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Immodest behavior in victory or success is an act of poor sportsmanship and not acceptable.

Coaches Code of Behaviour

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun. Ensure the time players spend with you is a positive.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Set an example to your students by always playing by the rules and in the spirit of your sport. Expect and encourage your players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities adhere to the charter recommendations and meet all safety standards.

- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Do not publicly question an umpire /referees decision and avoid blaming a team's defeat on 'poor umpiring'.
- Any scoring or umpiring discrepancies between teams needs to be settled before schools part ways from the playing venue. If coaches are in doubt, the Sport Coordinator of the Home team needs to be advised and take on the role of the mediator using the charter to assist in coming to a mutual decision.
- Establish and foster professional relationships with the coaches of opposing teams.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development

Schools Code of Behaviour

- Heads of Sport, Sport Coordinators and teachers in charge of individual sports aim to foster sportsmanlike behavior and positive attitudes amongst their players, supporters and coaches.
- Sport Coordinators must communicate and advise the relevant Principal and Sport Coordinators if there are concerns with players or spectators not meeting the ACC Codes of Behaviour. This needs to be addressed immediately and confidentially in the interests of the players, coaches and the ongoing competition.
- Host schools must ensure playing grounds are safe and equipment and facilities meet acceptable standards as outlined in the charter.
- Sport Coordinators support coaches and officials to highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and endeavor to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in ACC events emphasise fair play and support the ACC maxim of 'Sport in the Right Spirit'
- Make the ACC Codes of Behaviour available to the necessary people. This should include spectators, officials, coaches, players and other persons you deem necessary
- Make it clear that any form of physical or verbal abuse or intimidation of players, coaches, spectators or officials is completely unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action if deemed necessary.

Parents and other spectators Code of Behaviour

- Children appreciate the presence and support of their parents. Accordingly, always set an example of good sportsmanship and give enthusiastic, but not excessive or inappropriate support. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Host school parents are invited to assume responsibility for making visiting parents feel welcome.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Parents should not under any circumstances approach or give advice during a match to coaches, umpires/ referees or players.
- Respect the decisions of officials and encourage players to do the same by following the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

Officials Code of Behaviour

- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Compliment and encourage all participants and promote the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all players. Communicate with the coach concerned to advise them of any inappropriate behavior.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- If you have any concerns regarding the credibility of the game communicate your concern with the coaches and seek assistance from the Host Sport Coordinators.
- Any form of intimidation, abuse or persuasive advice from players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated. Advise the Sport Coordinator at the host school if you need support to resolve the matter. Feedback of this nature must be reported to the Sport Coordinator even if you do not call for assistance.