

Sports Events & Competitions

Code of Conduct for Children, Parents, Spectators & Staff

Children

Children are the most important people in school sport. Playing for your team or representing your school is an honour. The target is to win, but not to win at any cost. Fair play and respect for all others is fundamentally important.

As a child at a fixture / event / competition I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team.
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the teacher/coach/official.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the official.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and official at the end of the game.
- Listen and respond to what my teacher/coach tells me.
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player.
- Talk to a trusted adult if I'm unhappy about anything.

Parents, carers & Spectators

Parents & Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in sport. All children play sport because first and foremost they love to do it – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at the sport, parents & spectators should continue to encourage them in a positive and appropriate way.

As a parent, carer or spectator at a fixture / event / competition I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Respect the official's decisions even when you don't agree with them.
- Appreciate good play from whichever team it comes from.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, teachers and officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Teachers, Staff & Coaches

Adults in charge of teams directly affect the behaviour of children under their supervision. They should pay due care to their conduct and be aware that their every-day decisions and actions have ethical implications.

As a teacher, member of staff or coach at a fixture / event / competition I will:

- Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the children ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child or team to win.
- Respect the officials and their authority during fixtures / events / competitions and will never question, discuss, or confront them at the fixture / event / competition. If I have a problem, I will speak to the event organiser.
- Display good sportsmanship at all times.

- Display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Be a good role model for those in my care.
- Be responsible for my actions.
- Encourage children and spectators to display a sports person like attitude.
- Guide and encourage children to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.

School Grounds and Facilities

At Eden Rural Alliance, we take great pride in our buildings and outdoor areas. Whilst you are here teaching, coaching, spectating or competing, please look after the site of competition.

As a user of Eden Rural Alliance at a fixture / event / competition I will:

- Respect the school or other site, the facilities and surrounding areas.
- Ensure my rubbish and property is taken with me when I leave.
- Not smoke on the premises.
- Not bring any animals except service animals onto the school site.
- Park appropriately outside the school or venue and surrounding roads.
- Not cover neighbouring driveways when picking up or collecting children.
- Supervise all children for which I am responsible at the fixture appropriately to ensure their safety and good behaviour.
- Not allow my children to damage play equipment, climb on goals etc.

Please note that the lists above are not exhaustive.