

**Newark and District Primary Schools' Sports Association
Code of Conduct for all Competitive Team Games**

Updated September 2019

1. Visiting schools should be welcomed by the host school.
2. The referee/umpire will be introduced/will introduce themselves to the two captains and respective school coaches.
3. The referee/umpire will be respected throughout, **Decisions, right or wrong, will be respected without comment or question from children, parents and teachers.**
Accompanying teachers/coaches **MUST** challenge **ANY** criticism of umpires/referees at the time of the incident.
4. **All children, teachers/coaches and parents will be made aware of Point three and of possible consequences of infringing this ruling.**
5. At the end of the game, players should come to the centre:
 - Give 3 cheers (home side first, please ensure this is rehearsed and loud!)
 - Shake hands
 - Team captains and coaches should thank the referee/umpire
 - Refreshments should be offered to your guests
6. A child playing dangerously or exhibiting misconduct (see also Point 3 & 7) should be warned by their coach and should there be any further dangerous play or misconduct the said player **must be** substituted by their coach (to avoid their being sent off by the referee).
7. In the exceptional circumstances of a child being sent off by the referee/umpire, the child will serve an automatic one match ban which must be the next fixture in the school calendar (if this is a tournament they must be excluded from the full tournament). The head teacher of the school concerned should be informed as should the secretary of the association.
8. If a child playing a game or taking part in a tournament overtly verbally abuses an official or another child, they will be immediately banned for two matches. The association secretary must be notified in these circumstances. A repeat incident will result in the child being banned from inter-school sport for the rest of the season.
9. Half-time talks are the exclusive premise of the identified coach/ teacher/TA and they must be unhindered. Do not encourage or accept interruptions from supporters.

10. Although we welcome the involvement of parents in a coaching capacity, it is the teacher, TA or sports coach in the employment of your school who is responsible for the children's behaviour and safety. **Therefore, at all events and fixtures, school teams must be supervised by a qualified teacher, TA or sports coach in the employment of that school.** Also, for the sake of efficiency, teachers, TAs and coaches should be responsible for the arrangement of fixtures.
11. Teams in league, cup or tournament without a teacher or TA will not be allowed to take part.
12. Spectators should respect the field of play, should never stand behind goal lines and if possible should withdraw from the touchline. They should be encouraged to appreciate good play from either side.
13. Any adult or child abusing players from the touchline must, however difficult, be asked with the support of both teachers (TA) in charge, to desist immediately. Teachers/coaches should work together to de-escalate situations. If a warning is unheeded schools must follow the Nottinghamshire recommendations for "unacceptable behaviour at a Nottinghamshire school site" and ask the individual to leave the site. (You will find county solicitors more than prepared to support a formal site ban in extreme circumstances). At a tournament, the event organiser should also be informed. This information should be shared with parents.
14. Schools failing to control adults/pupils may be asked to withdraw from the relevant NDPSSA league/competitions as decided by the committee.
15. Teachers or TAs in charge must remember that they represent the "Professional Integrity" of their school at all times. Comments to children should be positive and encouraging.
16. Results of games must be emailed A.S.A.P. to the appropriate person by the home team to:

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17. Failure to do so may mean your team's points not being recorded or considered in final position compilation. Teams persistently cancelling fixtures, failing to organise them or failing in their duties as above may face disciplinary procedures, a deduction of points or removal from the league as decided by the committee.

Share this code with all stakeholders involved with your school's sport

Our school, _____, will support and ensure to the best of our ability, that the above code of conduct is applied consistently in all our NDPSSA sporting fixtures.

Signed _____

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Headteacher of _____ School/Academy