

# Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct

## Code of Conduct: Young Players / Competitors

It is important that everyone behaves themselves when competing in sporting activities organised by the Newcastle School Sports Association.

As a participant, you have an important role in ensuring that the event/competition/fixture takes place competitively, but safely.

When competing for my school or district, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the officials, spectators or my teacher/coach/team manager.
- Use foul or abusive language to other competitors, official or spectators
- Use violent conduct to other competitors, official or spectators
- Do what the officials tell me, first time.
- Shake hands with opponents and officials at the end of the game.
- Listen to my teacher/coach/team manager and respect what they say.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or someone from my school if I'm unhappy about anything

**I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken against me by my school and or Newcastle School Sports Association.**

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## Code of Conduct: Sanctions

- **Foul and abusive language towards players/officials/staff/spectators**
  - The offending participant will be removed from the game/competition/event for the remainder of the activity. In team sports, the offending player can be replaced by a substitute
  - Depending on the extent of the actions of the participant involved, further sanctions may be given by the participants school
- **Violent conduct towards players/officials/staff/spectators**
  - Participant will be sent off from the game/competition/event for the remainder of the activity
  - Depending on the extent of the actions of the participant involved, further sanctions may be given by the participants school

# **Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct**

## **Code of Conduct: Spectators**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at all Newcastle School Sports Association fixtures to ensure sport can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Play your part and observe this Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

### **We would like you to:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

### **In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Let the teachers/coaches do their job and not confuse the competitors by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning.

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken against me by my child's school or Newcastle School Sports Association.**

## **Code of Conduct: Sanctions**

- Spectators may be asked to leave the premises should a member of staff present deem their conduct to be inappropriate for a school sport fixture
- Additional sanctions may be given if the incident is deemed serious. These sanctions will be discussed determined by the N4 Group (Newcastle & Kidsgrove Headteachers)

# Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct

## Code of Conduct: Teachers & Coaches

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for teachers, coaches, team managers and match officials at all times.

### I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the fixture including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the appropriate rules, regulations and laws of the game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Ensure that the participants under my supervision are aware of the Code of Conduct for players and encourage them to adhere to it throughout the fixture
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the match official's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Support the Newcastle School Sports Association and N4 Group in any investigation and disciplinary action against a participant, spectator or official

### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each competitor above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of competitors and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all competitors understand these expectations.
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every competitor to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each competitor to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the competitors' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others outside and within Newcastle School Sports Association (e.g. teachers, match officials, doctors, physiotherapists) for each competitor's best interests.

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## **Code of Conduct: Match Officials**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in school sport. The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

### **When officiating I will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match.
- Apply the competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Support my match official colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the fixture.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every fixture.
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate.

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