

SCHOOL GAMES



Merseyside School Games

CODES OF CONDUCT



PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS have the right to:

- Be safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy their sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other children or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

The Merseyside School Games may exclude participants from taking part in the competition or the activity if there are any serious breaches of the guidelines in this Code of Conduct.

N.B. Mobile phones or photographic equipment must not be used in changing rooms or toilets by anyone including participants.



OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

All coaches / officials / volunteers and member of staff must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of all participants
- Treat all children with respect
- Ensure that whenever possible there is more than one adult present during activities with children, or at least that you are within sight and hearing of others
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Not allow any rough or dangerous play, bullying or use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour
- Be aware that even physical contact with a child may be misinterpreted. Consideration is needed when physical contact is made with a child, this should be in response to their needs at the time, of limited duration and appropriate to their age, stage of development, gender, disability, ethnicity and background.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport e.g. fair play
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse
- Ensure all policies and procedures relating to the safety, equity and Child welfare of all participants, coaches, officials, members of staff and spectators are upheld and used in the correct manner
- Report and pass on any issues or concern to the Merseyside Sports Partnership Liaison Officer (Games Control)
- Not to drink alcohol on site
- Not to smoke in sports areas
- Ensure that the Guidelines on Photograph / Video consent are adhered to by all. N.B. Mobile phones or photographic equipment must not be used in changing rooms or toilets by anyone including coaches, officials and volunteers.



GUARDIANS AND SPECTATORS

The essence of good conduct and fun is of vital importance to the Merseyside School Games. It is important to understand, that everybody has a responsibility for the safety children.

All parents, guardians and spectators must:

- Treat all children and young people with respect
 - Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
 - Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
 - Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
 - Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances by all
 - Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
 - Publicly accept all officials' judgements
 - Use correct and proper language at all times
 - Acknowledge and support the importance and role of the coaches, officials, volunteers and members of staff who provide their time
 - Remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intended
 - Be aware that any physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted
 - Challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse
 - No alcohol to be consumed on site
 - No smoking in sports area
 - Ensure you register all photographic equipment at the clearly designated Registration Points
- N.B. Mobile phones or photographic equipment must not be used in changing rooms or toilets by anyone including parents, guardians and spectators.
- Ensure you contribute to the safety and child welfare of all the participants

