



MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL
GAMES

CODES OF CONDUCT



PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like them to show to you
- Play within the rules, and respect officials and their decisions
- Inform your teacher if you need to leave the field of play at any time
- Inform your teacher, or member of staff if you are concerned, or feel uncomfortable
- Listen to coaches, teachers, officials and respect what they say
- Most of our Officials are Student Volunteers, for some it is their first time officiating. Please ensure to treat them with respect & kindness.
- Stay at the School Games venue unless accompanied by a member of school staff
- Ensure that the guidelines on the photograph/Video policy are followed
- Demonstrate the School Games Values in every aspect of your play, spectating and behaviour.

SCHOOL GAMES VALUES



*The seven values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination, teamwork and eco friendly** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of school sports should be built around.*

TEACHERS, TEAM MANAGERS, VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER ADULTS

As a teacher, team manager, volunteer or other adult we ask you to acknowledge the ethos of the School Games, and to read the guidelines and adhere to them with professionalism and appreciation for what they mean.

It is important to remember that the School Games are designed for young people by young people.

Please note no spectators are allowed to attend at Merseyside School Games events, including parents.

Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the sport:

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else
- The officials are there to facilitate the games, not to be argued with or to receive comments from coaches, players or third parties. If you have any issues with the officiating this should be reported to the sport organiser or a member of MSP, under no circumstances should a referee be directly challenged.
- Adhere to the rules of the game and the tournament.
- No 'side-line antics' that can have a negative impact on those participating and officiating
- Encourage players to value their performance and not just results
- We have many young leaders who attend our events who may be inexperienced and need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them improve by letting them concentrate on the game and support their decisions
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse to a member of the MSP team
- Ensure any policies and procedures relating to the safety, equity and child welfare are followed and completed prior to attending an event
- Report any issues or concerns to a member of MSP
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing and otherwise offensive language
- The School Games provide an excellent opportunity for young people to get involved in structured coaching and experience a safe environment, Everyone shares the responsibility to encourage The School Games' values and ensure the games are fair, respectful and inclusive
- Ensure that there is no rough or dangerous play, bullying or use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour
- Be aware that any 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
- Teachers are responsible for adult support staff accompanying the school. We ask that schools bring support staff which have a DBS conducted by the school or where the school has validated their DBS from another source.



Treat everyone fairly:

- Encourage fair play across the event
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being
- Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally
- Within the limits of your control, ensure the safety and well-being of all the people involved
- Ensure that whenever possible there is more than one teacher present during activities with children, or at least that you are within sight and hearing of others
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport
- Do not drink alcohol on site
- Do not smoke on site including e-cigarettes or vapes
- Ensure that the guidelines on the photograph/Video policy are adhered to by all

All incidents in which the safety or wellbeing of a young person is in any way perceived to be put at risk or harm, will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately.



OFFICIALS

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else
- Modify rules and regulations, where appropriate, to match the skill level and need of the young people taking part
- Provide positive reinforcement and encourage all participants
- Be consistent and objective when making decisions
- Promote respect among participants
- Always emphasise the Spirit of the Games Values
- Be a role model, actions speak louder than words
- Keep up to date with the latest developments in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people
- Your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive unless condemning unsporting behaviour
- Behave responsibly. Discriminatory, offensive and violent behaviour towards any individual is unacceptable and will be acted on
- Respect the rights and dignity of every young person.
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