Code of Ethics

Code of Ethics for Participants

The school requires participants to:

- Conduct themselves at all times with honour and dignity
- Treat visiting teams, spectators, and officials as honoured guests
- Faithfully complete school work as practical evidence of loyalty to the school and team
- Show that it is a privilege to represent the school
- Remember that there is no place in school athletics before, during, or after competition for the use of alcohol or drugs of any kind

The game requires participants to:

- Maintain a high level of physical fitness
- Be fair at all times
- Believe in the honesty and integrity of opponents and officials
- Play the game for the game's sake
- Accept peacefully and without question the decisions of the officials

Fair play demands that participants:

- Recognize and applaud honestly and wholeheartedly the efforts of teammates and opponents, regardless of skill, score, colour, creed, or race
- Give opponents full credit when they win
- Learn to work at correcting personal faults
- Play hard and to the limit of personal abilities, regardless of discouragement—a true athlete does not give up, quarrel, cheat, bet, or show off
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never boastful or bitter

Code of Ethics for Spectators

- Believe in the honesty and integrity of participants, coaches, and officials
- Accept peacefully and without question the decisions of the officials
- Recognize and applaud honestly and wholeheartedly the efforts of participants, regardless of skill, score, colour, creed, or race

Be a fan... not a fanatic!

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Code of Ethics (continued)

Code of Ethics for Coaches

The school expects coaches to:

- Be an integral part of the school system as an educational contribution
- Remember that the athletic arena is a classroom with moral and educational obligations required at all times
- Insist upon high scholarship and enforcement of all rules of eligibility

The participants expect coaches to:

- Take the responsibility of maintaining up-to-date knowledge with sound and current coaching techniques/procedures
- Maintain fair, unprejudiced relationships with all team members
- Pay careful attention to the physical condition of players
- Inspire a love of the game and a desire to compete fairly

Fair play demands that coaches:

- Take a strong stand against profanity, unfair play, and inappropriate behaviour of team members
- Maintain self-control at all times, accepting decisions of officials without outward appearance of vexation
- Teach athletes to win by use of legitimate means only
- Believe in the honesty and integrity of opponents and officials
- Teach that to win is always desirable, but to win at any cost defeats the purpose of the game

Code of Ethics for Officials

Officials are expected to:

- Maintain a professional relationship toward the event, the players, the coaches, and spectators at the venue and away from the venue
- Prepare thoroughly
- Be on time for duty and appear in appropriate uniform and in a professional manner
- Be rested and alert
- Adhere to right decisions despite disapproval of spectators, coaches, and players
- Control temper at all times in dealing with players, coaches, and crowds
- Respect and aid companion officials in making decisions
- Make interpretations and announcements clear to both teams

Fair play demands that officials:

- Maintain a pleasant, impartial attitude toward all players and coaches
- Carry out duties so as not to distract from the players or the game
- Discourage any acts of unfair play