

SINGAPORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL

CODE OF CONDUCT

Affirming the urgent need to inculcate the proper sense of fair-play and sportsmanship among players and spectators in inter-school games and athletic competitions, this Council calls on players, principals, sports secretaries, teachers-in-charge of games and referees to ensure that the highest standard of sportsmanship are at all times maintained and towards that end, recommends the adoption of the following:-

PLAYERS

- a. must be made aware by their own school (principals, sports secretaries, teachers i/c of games) that they should play fair and clean games and those who fail to do so will be punished.
- b. must not argue with nor dispute the referee's decision.
- c. must play their own game and not be influenced by exhortation by the crowd to indulge in ungentlemanly behaviour.
- d. are also encouraged to shake hands before the start of the game and to give three cheers at the conclusion.
- e. are encouraged to shake hands and apologise for any offence committed in the course of the game.
- f. must not under any circumstances use foul language or indulge in name calling.
- g. must at all times be courteous (in manner and speech) to all teachers and officials present.

PRINCIPALS AND SPORTS SECRETARIES/TEACHERS I/C OF GAMES, ETC.

- a. should see that supporters are in uniform and wear their school badge.
- b. should brief school at assemblies on proper spectator behaviour and should discourage spectator from booing and cat-calling, etc and where there are cheer groups, they should refrain from any personal remarks.
- c. should ensure that there is proper supervision of their pupils (players and spectators) at all times, i.e. before, during and after the game.
- d. must ensure that their players are properly attired.
- e. must ensure that their players are familiar with the rules of the game.
- f. must remind their players that any protest/appeal must be lodged only through the teachers-in-charge of the game and not through any player or external coach.

- g. must identify their own pupils who are masquerading as outsiders and take appropriate action against them.
- h. must take the necessary steps to discourage spectators from misbehaviour of any kind.
- i. must impress upon their players the need to be punctual at all matches.

REFEREES/UMPIRES

- a. should be properly attired.
- b. are expected to be strict in handling a game.
- c. should not allow players/spectators to interfere with his refereeing or umpiring.
- d. should if necessary, reprimand or send off players guilty of misconduct to the Competition Sub-Committee of the game concerned for further action. Upon receipt of two such complaints against the same players, the Sub-Committee is empowered to suspend that players for the remaining games of the tournament.
- e. should ensure that the playing area is not encroached upon by spectators and, if necessary, should suspend play until the situation is remedied.
- f. must ensure that no player is permitted to wear articles (rings, belts, watches, etc) which may constitute a danger to other players. (the studs on player's boots must be checked).
- g. teachers who are umpiring, should at all times, maintain the decorum expected from members of the profession.

GENERAL

- a. The Sub-Committee should not hesitate to appoint a fully qualified referee/umpire, especially in games such as soccer, rugby, basketball and hockey.
- b. Where the principal considers that his presence at a game is desirable, he should attend such games as this will help keep order among present and immediate past pupils.