

# ENGADINE P.S.S.A.

## Memo To PSSA Parents

Engadine Zone PSSA schools are distributing PSSA policy regarding codes of conduct to parents of students participating in PSSA sport to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, students, parents and teachers. These codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. Our PSSA Codes of Conduct apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. Parents are expected to demonstrate appropriate conduct at all times and support their children from spectator designated areas and, comply with teacher directions. The following Codes of Conduct apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- » the principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport
- » that students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers
- » the encouragement of student participation in sport and in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

Conduct contrary to the following policy may result in sanctions including exclusion from further participation at PSSA events by both parents and their children. All parents of participating students have co-signed codes of conduct and agreed to support the following policy. Further policy regarding PSSA sport can be sought at the School Port Unit Website-

[http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/teacher\\_resources/schoolsportissues/codes\\_beh/index.php](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/teacher_resources/schoolsportissues/codes_beh/index.php)

### PARENTS' CODE

- » Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- » If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- » Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
- » Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- » Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- » Always encourage the principles of good sportsmanship.
- » Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- » **Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.**
- » Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- » Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- » **Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.**

### SPECTATORS' CODE

- » Students play organised sport for their own enjoyment. They are not playing to specifically entertain you.
- » **Always respect the decisions of officials.**
- » Never encourage physical or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- » Applaud good play by your own team and that of the opposing team.
- » Show respect for your opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- » Never ridicule a player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- » Encourage players to always play according to the rules.

Yours sincerely,

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