



RYDE ZONE PSSA

Code of Behaviour in School Sport

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. A copy of the Codes of Conduct for Players, Teachers, Principals and School Executives, Parents and Officials can be found on the [NSW DEC Sports Unit website](#).

The following Codes 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.

In addition to these Ryde Zone PSSA expects coaches/managers of sporting teams to

- model the behaviour expected by students, parents and spectators when involved in team sport.
- ensure all games are conducted in a fair and impartial manner.
- ensure the decisions of umpire/referee are not questioned, by students or parents.
- discourage coaching from the sideline unless specifically allowed for in certain sports such as softball and T-ball.
- restrict coaching to half time, and before and after the game.
- while umpiring/refereeing, explain the rules or techniques involved in the game to all players, particularly younger players new to the sport. However, this should not interrupt the flow of the game or favour one team over another.
- umpire/referee half of each game unless negotiated otherwise prior to the game. The teacher from the home team on the draw has the option of which half he/she will umpire/referee.
- report all incidents of unfair or inappropriate behaviour by players, coaches/managers, spectators/parents to the convenor as soon as possible.