

Queensland School Sport

Codes of Conduct



Team Member's Code of Conduct

As a team member:

- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance.
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Follow all directions of team management/officials.
- Show respect and behave in a manner that respects the rights of all others (team members, opponents, officials, etc.) regardless of the medium of communication used, e.g. verbal, physical, digital media such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.
- Be a good sport. Encourage and support your team members.
- Wear the official team uniform at the times directed by team management/officials.
- Report in and out with team management/officials each day.
- As directed by team management/officials, stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when not competing.
- Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden.
- Ensure that you have telephone numbers of team managers at all times.

As a guest in accommodation when in 'team' accommodation:

- Check for any damage to premises on arrival and notify your team official.
- Be respectful of facilities and other guests at all times.
- Do not leave the accommodation area without permission from the team manager.
- Be aware of which teacher is on supervision duty.
- Know where your team officials are staying.
- Where toilets/shower/laundry facilities are away from sleeping areas, it is advisable to attend in pairs.
- Mixed sharing of rooms is not permitted, nor is entering the room of anyone from the opposite gender.

Breach of the Code by Team Members

Team managers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not playing remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parents' expense. The Department, through Queensland School Sport (QSS), is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences. Furthermore, QSS may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA). Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

Student Official's Code of Conduct

As a Student Official:

- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Show respect and behave in a manner that respects the rights of all others (players, team officials, spectators, etc.) regardless of the medium of communication used, e.g. verbal, physical, digital media such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
- Follow all directions of the Student Officials Manager / Event Convenor.
- Wear the officials uniform at all times as directed by the Student Officials Manager / Event Convenor
- Report in and out with the Student Officials Manager each day.
- Stay in the designated official's area when not officiating (remember you are an impartial adjudicator in an official capacity).
- Ensure that you have telephone number of the Student Officials' Manager on you at all times.
- Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden.

As a guest in accommodation when in 'team' accommodation:

- Check for any damage to premises on arrival and notify your team official.
- Be respectful of facilities and other guests at all times.
- Do not leave the accommodation area without permission from the team manager.
- Be aware of which teacher is on supervision duty.
- Know where your team officials are staying.
- Where toilets/shower/laundry facilities are away from sleeping areas, it is advisable to attend in pairs.
- Mixed sharing of rooms is not permitted, nor is entering the room of anyone from the opposite gender.

Breach of the Code by Student Officials

Team managers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not officiating remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parents' expense. The Department, through Queensland School Sport (QSS), is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences. Furthermore, QSS may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA). Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

Team Official's Code of Conduct

As a Team Official:

- Abide by the Department's Code of Conduct at all times.
- Adhere to appropriate mandatory reporting requirements.
- Ensure that your behaviour at all times, whether at or away from the playing venue, does not bring the name of 'school sport' into disrepute.
- Show respect and behave in a manner that respects the rights of all others regardless of the medium of communication used, e.g. verbal, physical, digital media such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.
- Provide a safe and supportive sporting and learning environment.
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with students and parents/carers.
- Promote the skills of responsible self-management.
- Communicate high expectations for individual achievement and behaviour.
- Ensure consistency and fairness in implementing the school sport behaviour codes.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. All players need and deserve equitable time.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Compliment participants on their efforts.
- Condemn unsporting behaviours.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Refrain from criticism of, or reaction to, the umpires/referee's judgment and decision.
- Maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the presentation of the team.
- Refrain from over-zealous coaching from the side-line.
- Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden while in the direct supervision of students.

Breach of the Code by Team Officials

Queensland School Sport (QSS) and event organisers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, and calling police to intervene where necessary. The Department, through Queensland School Sport (QSS), is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely. This may include QSS providing a report to your school principal or immediate supervisor, and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA). Staff will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

Parent's Code of Conduct

As a Parent or Guardian:

- Cooperate with the team officials to achieve the best outcomes for your child.
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, well-being and behaviour.
- Encourage participation by your child.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Show respect and behave in a manner that respects the rights of all others regardless of the medium of communication used, e.g. verbal, physical, digital media such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.
- Adhere to the Department of Education's policy of a smoke, alcohol and drug free environment.

Spectator's Code of Conduct

As a Spectator:

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play.
- Show respect and behave in a manner that respects the rights of all others regardless of the medium of communication used, e.g. verbal, physical, digital media such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.
- Adhere to the Department of Education's policy of a smoke, alcohol and drug free environment.

Breach of the Code by Parents and Spectators

Team managers and event organisers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, and calling police to intervene where necessary. The Department, through Queensland School Sport (QSS), is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

Parents and spectators should note that it is an offence to insult (meaning "to treat insolently or with contemptuous rudeness, to abuse") an officer of a state educational institution – Section 333 Wilful Disturbance, of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA). Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.