# Wandsworth School Games Code of Good Practice

The aim of the Wandsworth School Games is to encourage the pupils in Wandsworth to actively participate in sport to their potential, to ensure their health and general wellbeing, to provide enjoyable and positive experiences that will encourage them to have a lifelong passion for sport.

Therefore, we ask all schools participating in any school sport festival, competition or league to abide with this code of good practice. We expect schools to share this code with any teacher, pupil and coach connected with their school. Please ensure all parents are aware of the Wandsworth School Games Code of Good Practice.

## Pupils

- Participate for fun and enjoyment as well as achievement
- Work hard and demonstrate team commitment and spirit
- Abide by the rules of the game
- Always respect and never question the decisions of officials
- Respect team mates, opponents, teachers, coaches and volunteers
- Control your emotions never verbally or physically abuse is unacceptable
- Accept victory and defeat in a sporting manner with grace and dignity
- Use the six School Games values whilst playing and waiting to play the game.
- Behaviour in an appropriate manner at all times at the event.

## Teachers/Young Leaders/Officials

- Please know the rules, format & team composition in advance of the event.
- Demonstrate proper personal behaviour & conduct at all times – be a positive role model.
- Encourage participation in sport for fun and enjoyment as well as achievement
- Respect participants and the decisions of officials at all times
- Ensure you and your team abide by the rules – be fair, honest and considerate
- Calmly raise any serious disputes with competition organiser in private
- Discourage poor sporting behaviour
- Keep winning and losing in perspective – encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Provide positive verbal feedback and encouragement at all times
- Create and maintain a safe environment and appreciate the needs of the players before that of the sport.
- Use the six School Games values to encourage all children and to be polite to teams, leaders and other teachers.
- Please ensure your students and spectators keep the facility tidy and to pick up litter at the end of every event.
- Please note that at no circumstances can children play for two different teams at the same event.
- **Please note that the teacher/team manager is responsible for ensuring children and accompanying adults from their school abide by this code of good practice.**

## Parents and spectators

- Remember young people play for their own enjoyment not their parents
- Promote participation in sport for fun
- Praise positive sporting attitudes and the value of teamwork
- Be realistic about young players' abilities – do not force them to play or towards a level they are not capable of achieving.
- Encourage fair play and discourage poor sportsmanship
- Congratulate your child regardless of the result
- Positively encourage and support all team members
- Show respect for opponents, team managers and officials
- Respect the decisions of the officials and encourage young players to do so as well.
- Never enter the field of play
- Never use bad language or behave inappropriately
- Respect the event organisers and treat them as you would like to be treated
- Remember that young people learn much by behaviour
- Parents and spectators failing to abide by this code will be asked to leave the facility.

This Code of Good Practice aims to ensure that all events are well respected, in every way, by all involved and to ensure that the participants (at every level e.g. players, teachers, etc.) positively benefit from the experiences.

To the extent, whilst there is a code of conduct for all involved, we also need to agree on the potential consequences of regularly failing to follow the code.

## Potential consequences of failing to follow the Code of Conduct

1. The event organiser can remind the person(s)/school(s) involved to follow the code.
2. The event organiser to warn the person(s)/school(s) that their school can be deducted points for on-going non-following of the code.
3. The event organiser should discuss the behaviour with team manager from the school concerned to attempt to reach a solution.
4. The event organiser can warn the person(s)/school(s) for a final time, deduct points and warn that the team(s) may be withdrawn from the event.
5. The event organiser may withdraw a team/school from an event.
6. Parents/coaches and teachers behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave facility.

If this non-following of the code continues in more than one event, the Wandsworth School Games has the option to withdraw the school for all of its competitions.

Wandsworth School Games will ensure that all staff are aware of the code and to apply common sense in its application although, if necessary, the above will be acted upon.

**Please complete the following and return to ncik.miller@southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk**

- **Entry to all Wandsworth School Games competitions is dependent on children and adults following the code of good practice.**

- **I have read and support the Wandsworth School Games code of good practice 2017/178. I will ensure our children and any adult accompanying children at Wandsworth School Games events are made aware of the key points.**

**School _____**

**Date: _____**

**PE Co-ordinator's Signature _____**

**Headteacher's Signature _____**

**Photographic & Film Consent**
Photos and videos of children at Wandsworth School Games events may be taken and published on our website and local newspapers. Individual children will not be identified by name unless schools are contacted in advance. If your school does not NOT want a child to be photographed or videoed it is your responsibility to let the Wandsworth School Games organisers know in advance & withdraw them where appropriate.

**NB: Withdrawing from Competitions**
Schools withdrawing from competitions on the day or at late notice causes a great deal of inconvenience for the event organiser and the other schools attending. This is unacceptable. A lot of planning and organisation goes into running the events. Schools not attending disrupts the fixtures with them having to be revised on the day. This delays the start of the competition which is unfair on the organiser and all the other teams, especially the teams they are due to play.

While, we understand unforeseeable situations arise where schools are unable to attend, not giving sufficient notice or not turning up on the day is unacceptable. Therefore, we insist that schools must the organiser three days' notice that they are not attending the event.

Failure to do so could lead to schools being refused entry into other Wandsworth School Games events.