

# Codes of conduct

## Representative School Sport – Sunshine Coast region and districts

The following codes of conduct highlight the level of expected behaviour of students (team members or participants), parents and spectators when attending representative school sport events.

Consequences for not honouring these codes of conduct are listed in the boxed sections.

Please ensure that you have read and understand these codes prior to participating in or attending representative school sport events.

Further information is available by contacting our region (if our region is conducting the sporting event) or your district committee who is hosting the representative school sport event. Contact details for our region and our district committees are available on our website (<https://sunshinesport.eq.edu.au>).

Please be aware that ignorance of the contents of these codes will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach.

### Code of conduct – students

Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance.

- ✓ Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- ✓ Never argue with the judge's, referee's or umpire's decision.
- ✓ Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture.
- ✓ Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- ✓ Be a good sport. Encourage and support your team members.
- ✓ Show respect for yourself, your team mates, officials, your opponents and their skills.
- ✓ Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used. For example digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.
- ✓ Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden.
- ✓ Entering or remaining upon restricted licensed premises, unless under the supervision of team officials or parents is strictly forbidden.



- ✓ Going to bed at a reasonable hour will assist your own and your team's performance.
- ✓ Wearing the official team uniform at all times, as directed by team management and officials.
- ✓ Check in and check out with team management / officials each day.
- ✓ Stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when you are not competing.
- ✓ Follow all directions of team management / officials.
- ✓ Ensure that you have telephone numbers of team managers with you at all times that you are not with the team.

### **Consequences for breaches of this code by students**

Team managers or event officials 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' cost.

Each regional school sport board is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences to your future participation in representative school sport events.

Students may be notified orally or in writing of a temporary ban from participating or attending representative school sport event fixtures until formal processes are conducted by the regional school sport board to determine complaints under this code. Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

Furthermore, QSS may provide a report to your school about your conduct and, as a school representative, you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA).

## **Code of conduct – parents/carers**

- ✓ Co-operate with the school 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 children.
- ✓ Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.



- ✓ Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- ✓ Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- ✓ Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- ✓ Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- ✓ Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used. For example digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.
- ✓ Support the Department of Education's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.

### **Consequences for breaches of this code by parents / 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. Each regional school sport board 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 may be notified orally or in writing of a temporary ban from attending QSS fixtures until formal processes are conducted by the regional school sport board to determine complaints under this Code. Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code.

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 in the presence or hearing of students – s.333(2)(b) Wilful Disturbance, of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA). Breaches of this section of the EGPA may result in a complaint being made to police.

## **Code of conduct – spectators**

- ✓ Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- ✓ Remember students 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 with generous applause.
- ✓ Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.



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