

Flintshire Primary Schools Games Association

Inter-School Sports Competitions

Inter-school sports competitions should be seen as an extension of the extra-curricular activities programme organised by Flintshire Primary Schools for their pupils. Any extra curricular activity should be viewed as an extra lesson organised for the pupils by their teacher. It is an opportunity for them to:

- a) learn more about a specific sporting activity,
- b) develop their own personal skills so that they can participate at a higher level;
- c) understand and appreciate the laws governing that particular sport.

Rules that would apply to any school based activity should also apply to activities organised after school.

Pupils should realise that the activities and competitions organised are designed to make them individually and collectively better sports people.

FPSGA firmly believes that all the activities organised for the pupils of Flintshire schools are designed to:

- a) develop high levels of sporting skills.
- b) develop a sense of fair play
- c) provide equal opportunities for all pupils
- d) encourage maximum participation for pupils and schools

In order that pupils enjoy participating in inter-school competitions we have drawn up a code of conduct – levels of expectations for all those involved with such activities. Hopefully this code will enable all children, when competing, to do so within the laws of the game and to their maximum potential – without the presence of exceedingly high expectation from adults linked to the team/sport.

We should all always remember that children play schools organised competitions for fun and enjoyment. They are not playing for the entertainment of the spectators. We must also realise they are not miniature professionals.

Teacher/Coach Code of Conduct

- Be reasonable in your demands on children's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Never ridicule or shout at the children for making mistakes or losing a match.
- Shouting from the sidelines should always be discouraged apart from general encouragement – (Match officials should never be shouted at or abused).
- Teach players that the laws of the game are mutual agreements that should not be broken.
- Develop respect for the ability of opponents as well as the judgement of the officials and opposing coaches.
- Teach good sporting attitudes – just as you would the basic skills of games.
- Set a good standard of behaviour yourself, and always offer praise and encouragement and try to have as much one to one communication with your players as possible.
- Make a point of welcoming visiting teams and their staff to your school, and share a few positive words with the players at the end of the game irrespective of the result.
- Thank the official at the end of the game, in the same way as you would encourage your pupils to do so.
- Constantly remind pupils of what is expected of them in terms of their sporting behaviour.

Players Code of Conduct

- Enjoy the game/competition
- Play by the rules and never argue with the match officials.
- Control your temper.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team, your teams performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport; applaud all good play whether it is by your team, or by your opponents.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself, do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another players.
- Co-operate with your manager/coach, team mates and opponents – without them there would be no football team.
- Don't question the referee's /umpires decisions.
- Be a good ambassador for your school.
- Always thank the opposition (team/player) and the officials after the game/competition.

Spectators/Parents Code of Conduct

- Focus upon the child's efforts and performances rather than the overall result. This assists the Child in setting some realistic goals, relating to their ability, by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of the game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children want to play the game for their own enjoyment not yours.
- Remember that children learn best from example, applaud all play.
- Support all efforts to remove physical, racial, and verbal abuse within the game of football.
- Applaud good performances and the efforts of each team; congratulate all players on their performances, regardless of the match result.
- Condemn the use of violence and foul language in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team opponents – without them, there would be no game.
- Don't question publicly officials judgement or their honesty.
- Recognise the value of teachers and officials. They give of their own time and resources to provide guidance and opportunities for your child / children.
- Set an example in how to behave in a way that your own children may wish to emulate.

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Failure to comply to our expectations and Code of Conduct may result in individuals being asked to leave the school premises.

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“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well.”

Coubertin