

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

IAPS Sports events are held in high regard by member schools. In 2017-2018, 23,000 children took part in over 130 events across 27 different sports. This code of conduct is a set of behaviours expected at IAPS events to ensure that they are enjoyable and fair for all children involved.

As a **parent/spectator** at an IAPS sports event, you have a responsibility to:

1. Fully commit to this code of practice.
2. Ensure that you have read and understood IAPS safeguarding policy and procedures.
3. Be a positive role model and lead by example.
4. Remember that children are involved in sport for their enjoyment; they are not playing to satisfy your ambitions.
5. Encourage children to play by the rules.
6. Applaud good play by members of all teams not just your own.
7. Not question publicly the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
9. Recognise the value and importance of coaches. Allow them to decide what is best. They give their time, energy and experience to provide guidance for children.
10. Set an example by being friendly to the opposition parents.
11. Emphasise enjoyment and fun. Praise and reinforce effort and improvement.
12. Be aware of the physical demands that sport places on children.
13. Do not harass or swear at players, coaches or officials.
14. Never ridicule or shout at any child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
15. Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
16. Teach children that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

17. Turn defeat into victory by helping children work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude.

18. Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.

IAPS withholds the right to withdraw your school from sports competitions if you fail to comply with the code of conduct.