

## IAPS Code of Conduct for Teachers/Coaches

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 **teacher/coach** entering an IAPS sports event, you have a responsibility to:

1. Fully commit to this code of practice.
2. Ensure that all teachers/coaches attending the event have read and understood IAPS safeguarding policy and procedures.
3. Ensure that all teachers/coaches attending the event have read and understand your school safeguarding policy and procedures and have undergone the necessary safeguarding checks.
4. Ensure that all children attending the event understand your schools safeguarding procedures.
5. Ensure that teachers/coaches attending the event use appropriate language and behaviour at all times.
6. Ensure that your children respect the rules, officials and opposition at all times.
7. Ensure that players are grouped according to the specific National Governing Body (NGB) recommendations.
8. Ensure that equipment used meets the NGB safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
9. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of this.
10. Never ridicule or shout at children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
11. Provide opportunities for all children who wish to participate without over playing the most talented.
12. Understand the effort that goes into organising an IAPS event. Late withdrawals create problems for the organiser and other schools who have entered. Your place could have been given to another school on the waiting list.

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