

Sport Code of Conduct



POLICY OBJECTIVE

To establish a minimum set of standards for any member of the OLMC community involved in sport. The Code of Conduct applies to any community member when playing, training or supporting College sanctioned sporting activities.

POLICY STATEMENT

All girls, parents/carers and coaches are asked to comply with the OLMC Sport Code of Conduct.

Expectations of Girls/Players

All participants should:

- honour their commitment to participate whole-heartedly by attending all training sessions and games
- respect and treat members of their team and the opposition courteously
- be ready to begin their game or event at the scheduled time
- always wear correct OLMC Sports/PDHPE uniform
- not discourage or disparage any player
- not argue with an umpire, referee, judge, timekeeper or other official. The delegated team captain or coach may politely ask an official to explain a ruling or action at an appropriate break during or after the game
- always demonstrate good sporting behaviour
- after a game thank their opponents and the officials.

Expectations of Coaches

Coaches should:

- always promote goodwill between schools, players and spectators
- provide a good example to their players by acting in a positive sporting manner themselves
- be prepared to start games or competitions at the appropriate time and venue
- accept the decisions of officials
- conduct selections in a fair and just manner appropriate to the sport or physical activity.

Expectations of Parents/Carers and Spectators

Parents/carers and spectators should:

- encourage their daughter's participation in sport. Girls should be allowed to enjoy their sport, make their mistakes and learn from them
- accept decisions of officials
- promote the benefits of playing sport to girls whether they win or lose
- respect their daughter's opponents.

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Stamping out Sport Rage

Sport Rage can come in many forms – an unruly parent/carer abusing a referee, a player physically attacking another player, or a spectator shouting racial taunts. While sport rage is often the result of many factors, coaches can help reduce incidents by being good role models and creating positive sporting environments.

Coaches should consider the following points:

Encourage fair play

- Show respect for players from both teams, spectators and officials
- Teach players to respect their opponents
- Don't allow the rules to be bent or broken
- Don't show favouritism and ensure fair game time for all players

Respect Officials

- Always set a positive example to players
- Encourage all players to thank officials after the game
- Accept and respect the officials' decisions
- Deal with poor officiating issues after the game in a professional and appropriate manner, through the appropriate channels

Uphold the code of conduct

- Support and uphold the code of conduct
- Be a positive role model
- Don't drink alcohol at matches, or arrive under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Good coaching technique

- Be conscientious, punctual and well organised
- Provide positive, constructive feedback
- Be able to motivate players
- Always be willing to learn more about the sport
- Make it fun for the players

Sport rage incidents – What to do

Despite your best intentions sport rage incidents may still occur. While it is your club committee's or College's responsibility to deal with the issue (the responsibility may vary depending on the type of competition), as a coach you should understand and support the process.

If an incident occurs:

- Report it to a ground official or the club committee as soon as possible
- Report it to the OLMC Sports Coordinator as soon as possible
- Stay calm and collected

Do not:

- Retaliate or approach the offenders
- Get upset by emotional reactions
- Ignore it and allow situations to get out of hand.