



West Essex School Sport Association – Fair Play Code

We ask all schools that participate in any school sports festival, competition, meeting or league to abide with this code.

The Good Parents & Spectators Code:

- Remember young people play for their own enjoyment not that of their parents
- Encourage young people to play – do not force them
- Focus on young players' efforts – not winning or losing
- Be realistic about young players' abilities – do not push them towards a level they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive verbal feedback in training and during a game
- Always support the school in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from all sport
- Remember that young people learn much by example
- Always show appreciation of good play by all players from your own school and the opposition
- Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage young players to do likewise
- Respect the event organisers and treat them as you would like to be treated
- No intimidation of referees or officials will be tolerated and team managers, accompanying adults, spectators and participants should accept decisions at all times without argument.

The West Essex School Sport Association has introduced this Code of Practice to ensure that all events are well respected, in every way, by all involved and to ensure that the participants (at every level e.g. players, teachers, etc.) positively benefit from the experiences.

To that extent, whilst there is a code of conduct for all involved, we also need to agree on the potential consequences of regularly failing to follow the code.

Potential Consequences of failing to follow the Code of Conduct:

1. The event organiser can remind the person(s)/school(s) involved to follow the code.
2. The event organiser is entitled to warn the person(s)/school(s) that their school can be deducted points for on-going non-following of the code.
3. The event organiser should discuss the behaviour with relevant person(s) from the school & parents, if applicable, to attempt to reach a solution.
4. The event organiser can warn the person(s)/school(s) for a final time, deduct points and warn that the team(s) may be withdrawn from the event.
5. The event organiser may withdraw a team/school from an event.

If this non-following of the code continues in more than one event, WESSP has the option to withdraw a school for all of its competitions.