

Sporting Code of Conduct for all Harrow Schools
For members of staff, pupils, coaches and parents/carers

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment where children can learn and enjoy all sports.

We will operate the following Code of Conduct for all sporting events;

- Remember that children play for fun
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the referee and the event organiser's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectators' area (where provided)
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

If your member of staff, a pupil or parent does not follow this Code of Conduct then they may be:

- Obligated to leave the match or sporting venue by the organiser
- Requested not to attend future sporting events
- Reported to the Headteacher of the School that they represent

We all have a part to play to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Please discuss this Code with all your pupils, sporting representatives and any outside agencies that you may use for coaching.

The rules for each event must also be studied before any event to ensure that the children are prepared properly so that any difficulties with interpretation can be avoided.

Safeguarding – Photography

Parental permission should be sought when taking photo's at events. Staff and parents/carers should act in accordance with their own schools safeguarding policies when it comes to photography.

Thank-you for your help and support.

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