



Code of Conduct – Parents & Spectators

Participation in sport should always happen in a safe, fun and friendly environment. Competition can and should be healthy but should be played in a fair manner. Parents/Guardians and Spectators play a significant role in setting a positive example to participants and encouraging and praising the efforts of all involved.

All parent should comply with good, ethical practices. As a minimum they should:

- ❑ Always remember that young people should play sport for their own enjoyment.
- ❑ Encourage players to learn the rules and play within them.
- ❑ Teach young people that victory isn't everything and to recognise good play. Never punish or belittle a young person for losing or making mistakes.
- ❑ Set a good example. Any bad language, harassment of anyone, or unsporting behaviour is not a good example to young people and will not be tolerated.
- ❑ Applaud all good play by either team and be positive about what you see and what you say.
- ❑ Do not coach from the sidelines.
- ❑ Promote a culture of respect towards officials and referees and discourage any unfair play or arguing with officials.
- ❑ Raise any concerns regarding conduct through the appropriate channels.

Parents & Spectators at the County Durham Sport School Games are required to abide by the above code of ethics & conduct. Breaching this code could lead to further action which could include suspension from any future events and, in serious instances, withdrawal of the team you are associated with from an event.