

# METROPOLITAN EAST SCHOOL SPORT

## CODE OF CONDUCT (Students, Parents & Spectators)

The following code of conduct highlights the level of expected behaviour of students, parents and spectators when participating in / attending Queensland School Sport (QSS) events. Consequences for not honouring this code of conduct are listed in the boxed sections. Please ensure that you have read and understand this code prior to participating in / attending Queensland School Sport (QSS) events. Further information is available by contacting Metropolitan East School Sport Board, telephone (07) 3259 7711. ***Please be aware that ignorance of the contents of this Code will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach.***

### EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

#### As a team member

- ***Take responsibility for your own conduct and performance.***
- ***Compete by the competition conditions and rules.***
- ***Never argue with the Judge's, Referee's or Umpire's decision.***
- ***Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture.***
- ***Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.***
- ***Be a good sport. Encourage and support your team members.***
- ***Show respect for yourself, your team mates, officials, your opponents and their skills.***
- ***Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, Facebook, email and texts.***
- ***Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, or the use of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden.***
- ***Entering or remaining upon restricted licensed premises unless under the supervision of team officials is strictly forbidden.***
- ***Ensure you get an appropriate level of rest to assist your own and your team's performance.***
- Wear the official team uniform at all times, as directed by team management / officials.
- Check - in and check - out with team management / officials each day.
- Stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when I am not competing.
- Follow all directions of team management / officials.
- Ensure that you have telephone numbers of team managers with me at all times that I am not with the team.

#### Breach of the Code

Team managers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not playing remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parents' cost. Metropolitan East School Sport Board (MESSB) is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences.

*Furthermore, MESSB may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA).*

*Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.*

## **EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND SPECTATORS'**

### **Parents Code of Conduct**

- Cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for your child.
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, wellbeing and conduct.
- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.

### **Spectators' Code of Conduct**

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember children play for enjoyment, please don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Support our policy of a smoke free environment.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, Facebook, email and texts.

### **Breach of the Code**

Team managers and event organisers may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, and calling police to intervene where necessary. Metropolitan East School Sport is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

*Parents and spectators should note that it is an offence to insult (meaning "to treat insolently or with contemptuous rudeness, to abuse") an officer of a state educational institution - Section 333 Wilful Disturbance, of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA).*

*Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.*