



## QGSSSA CODE OF CONDUCT

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The QGSSSA was established in 1908 to serve our member schools by arranging sporting fixtures and promoting a healthy approach to sporting activity for students.

The Association encourages good behaviour and sportsmanship on and off the sports field by following its Code of Conduct.

### IN GENERAL

1. Undertake all competition in friendship and with fair play, upholding the spirit of the rules.
2. Acknowledge that competitive sport is for enjoyment and skill development, and winning is not the focus of the activity.
3. Observe the different roles of a host school and a guest school.
4. Promote the fundamental philosophical differences between QGSSSA sport and professional sport.

### SOCIAL MEDIA STATEMENT

QGSSSA recognises the increasing relevance and utilisation of social media. Therefore, this statement details the expectations and guidelines for the responsible use of social media in order to protect the interests and reputation of QGSSSA. Its context applies to all relevant associated parties of QGSSSA.

Social Media is deemed to be any interactive web application used to provide public communication or collaboration, and can include, but is not limited to, websites and other public forums, such as Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, SnapChat, Instagram and blogs.

#### Expectations

There are a number of guidelines that QGSSSA adhere to in the appropriate use of social media. These include:

- Only persons authorised by QGSSSA are to speak on the association's behalf.
- The polite and respectful use of social media at all times.
- No information is to be posted that may embarrass, cause harassment, or defame QGSSSA, its board, or staff.
- No misleading or inaccurate content is to be published concerning QGSSSA
- Social media should not be used for communicating confidential, personal or sensitive information
- The trademark and copyright information and/or images of QGSSSA are to be respected
- There should be an awareness that not all persons have given photographic or media consent

#### Outcome

QGSSSA will continue to monitor the use of social media in regards to upholding the ethos of the Association to ensure compliance with this statement.

### PARTICIPANTS

1. Maintain a high standard of conduct at all times, both on and off the field. Each and every player should be an active example of good sportsmanship.
2. Appreciate the good sportsmanship and skills of opponents, and graciously accept any errors made by fellow players.
3. Always display good temper and grace. Provide assistance to opponents, when applicable.
4. Give congratulations, thanks and support, as appropriate, to captains and/or players of opposing teams.

5. Obey the orders or instructions of the umpire, referee or designated official, quickly and cheerfully and accept any decision, however seemingly unfavourable, without question.
6. The use of drugs, including pain-killers, to improve or maintain the performance of any individual player or group of players is contrary to the philosophy of this Code.
7. Contribute to the team effort as well as to one's personal performance.
8. Use barracking to encourage but never to hinder.

#### **PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

1. Remember that children learn best by example. Always applaud good performances by the visiting team as well as your own. Never use profane language or harass coaches or officials.
2. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
3. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never berate your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
4. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical derision from children's sporting activities.
5. Recognise the value and importance of coaches. Support them in their decisions and never coach from the sideline.
6. Fundraising activities may only be conducted by the host school at their venue.

#### **COACHES**

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other commitments and interests.
2. Accept the decisions of referees and umpires; this does not preclude rational clarification of decisions in an appropriate way and at a subsequent time.
3. Teach your competitors that rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break.
4. Under no circumstances is there to be manipulation of the General Competition Rules and By-Laws for the various sports. Discourage time wasting and time-wasting actions, over-vigorous play and deliberate use of unfair and/or unethical tactics.
5. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
6. Remember the children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
7. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
8. Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.