

14. ACC COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

In an effort to set appropriate standards of behaviour for ACC sport, all ACC Coaches are expected to read, comprehend and commit to the following guidelines when coaching sport teams in ACC competition:

1. Ensure that all matches are played in the spirit of the ACC competition - "Excellence, Honour and Fairness in Student Sport". Ensure that good sportsmanship and good sporting skill each receive emphasis.
2. Reinforce ACC and school expectations regarding punctuality, behaviour, appropriate language and dress for all players at all age levels.
3. Demonstrate respect for the judgment of officials. Do not publicly question an umpire/referee's decision and avoid blaming a team's defeat on "poor umpiring".
4. Set the standard of behaviour for students in respecting the officials and players of the opposition. Avoid excessive ritual "psyching up" of your team and keep sideline talk to encouragement of your team only.
5. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents. Avoid consistently giving the impression that a lost match should have been won with a greater effort – acknowledge that sometimes the opposition is too skilled on the day.
6. Be responsible in ensuring a safe and friendly environment for the opposition. This includes adequate sideline supervision and ensuring that the barracking of student spectators and parents is constructive and appropriate.
7. Keep "winning" in perspective and maximise players' participation for fun and enjoyment.
8. Ensure that the atmosphere after the game between the two teams is acceptable by shaking hands with opposition coach and officials and encouraging students to do the same for their opponents.
9. Emphasise safety always; ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and keep informed with sound principles of coaching and skill development.
10. Recognise the importance of injury; seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured players to training and competition.
11. When drafting your match report for assemblies and school publications keep in mind that your report is a public document and as such derogatory remarks about other Colleges, opposition staff, student opponents and venues are to be avoided. Any negative criticism of opponents is to be forwarded to your Director of Sport for his action.
12. To facilitate results processing and the prompt return of ladders, make every effort to ensure your match scores are checked with opposition coaches and officials and submit your signed score sheets to your Director of Sport prior to class commencement the following day.
13. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY YOUR COACHING ROLE.