

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Code of Conduct

“Positive comments and actions are motivating; negative comments and actions are denigrating”

Players Code:

- Play to the best of your ability, but within the rules of the game.
- Recognise and respect the abilities and disabilities of others - both teammates and opponents.
- Recognise that you are a part of a team and this carries a number of responsibilities which are a part of upholding a strong, positive team culture:
 - attending all training sessions whenever possible,
 - Supporting teammates and coaching staff and managers with the day to day running of the team,
 - Being humble in victory and gracious in defeat,
 - Accepting the officials’ decision without gesture or argument,
 - Representing your school with pride and privilege.
- Thank the coach, officials, opponents and supporters.

Coaches / Managers Code:

- Set affirmative and appropriate guidelines and behavioral standards for yourself and your athletes on and off the playing arena.
- Give all players the same opportunity to play.
- Assume responsibility for your players’ conduct both on and off the playing arena.
- Instil a sense of pride and respect in the players’ performances.
- Treat all players, including the opposition, with dignity and respect and demonstrate positive examples of sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect and accept the judgment and decisions of officials without remonstrations.

Parents Code:

- Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game.
- Refrain from any criticism or abuse directed at officials.
- Put an emphasis on genuine effort ahead of victory and encourage players to accept the outcomes of all games, irrespective of the result.
- Recognise good play by either team and never ridicule an individual player in either team.

- Ensure the use of any form of violence is actively discouraged.

Supporters Code:

- Encourage all participants to play within the rules of the game.
- Display self-control on the sideline.
- Show appreciation to coaches and officials who facilitate the game - without them, no game.
- Remember young people play sport for their satisfaction not yours.

Officials Code:

- Control the game in a fair and positive manner.
- Be consistent and objective in your rulings.
- Modify your approach to suit the level of player skill.
- Help players learn the rules by explaining decisions where appropriate.
- Do what you can to make sure that everyone enjoys the game.
- Encourage fair play and not tolerate foul play of any kind.
- Be a positive role model.