



Widnes Primary Schools Sports Association

The Sport Code

Parent / spectators are reminded :

- **To set an example by showing respect, dignity and total sportsmanship at all times – demonstrate appropriate social behaviour. The more your children see you acting responsibly, the more they will do the same**
- **To respect the officials and the decisions they make**
- **Not to get involved with the action on the court / pitch**
- **To applaud good performances and efforts from each team**
- **Never ridicule a young player for making a mistake**
- **Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions**
- **Accept that any inappropriate behaviour will result in them being asked to move away from the playing area**
- **To realise that the experience should be “FUN” for the child**



Widnes Primary Schools Sports Association

The Sport Code

The Sport Code should encourage everyone involved to compete in accordance with the principles of fun, friendship and enjoyment. All staff in charge of teams need to work closely with staff from other schools to ensure that all games are played in a safe, fair and responsible manner and participants and coaches display good sportsmanship and manners at all times, no matter what the result

Coaches / team managers / teachers are reminded:

- The emphasis is on the enjoyment of competing fairly. Players should be reminded they are representing their school and should behave accordingly
- They are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and any supporters / parents for the duration of the game
- They should encourage participants to value performance as well as results
- They should respect the officials and the decisions they make
- They should not get involved with the action on the court / pitch
- They should remain calm on the sidelines and ensure that comments towards their players are only positive and let players make their own decisions
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches
- Their team members should wear the appropriate kit and footwear and ensure no chewing or the wearing of jewellery.
- When umpiring / refereeing show fairness to players of both teams
- In tournaments / play offs neutral officials should be employed and the Association should ensure that these are available where possible
- Should wait whenever possible to celebrate and support the teams competing in the final