



The Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland Incorporated

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR¹

POLICY APPLICATION

For:

- Players
- Teachers and Coaches
- Officials
- Parents and Spectators

GPS PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

The Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland Incorporated aims to provide a healthy and social opportunity for large numbers of boys to take part in a wide range of sporting and cultural activities.

Through an extensive activities program, the Association seeks to promote skill development, teamwork and leadership through coaching by teachers and others who are equipped with the necessary skills and experience to work effectively with young people. The Association encourages students of Member schools to pursue excellence in sport and other activities where they possess particular talent.

The encouragement of skill development and the pursuit of excellence should never be at the expense of fair play, good sportsmanship and friendly rivalry and the Association has developed these Codes of Behaviour to provide guidance for all people who have an involvement in GPS activities. The Association hopes that these codes will encourage teachers, coaches, parents, officials and players to contribute to the development of a healthy, enjoyable and safe environment for all GPS sport and other activities.

GPS Members: Anglican Church Grammar School
 Brisbane Boys' College

¹ GPS Headmasters Meeting – 28 November 2002

Brisbane Grammar School
Brisbane State High School
Ipswich Grammar School
St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace
St Joseph's College Nudgee
Toowoomba Grammar School
The Southport School

PLAYERS - CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

All players are requested to:

- Play by the rules and accept the officials' decisions.
- Display good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents or coaches.
- Take pride in the improvement of your skills and your performance and remember that sport is not just about winning.
- Work equally hard for the benefit of yourself, your team and your school.
- Treat your opponents as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, are not acceptable behaviours.

TEACHERS AND COACHES - CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Teachers and coaches are requested to:

- Encourage players to display good sportsmanship and to participate within the spirit of the game always respecting the importance of fair play.
- Teach players the rules of the game and ensure they observe them.
- Develop in players, respect for opponents, officials and opposing coaches.
- Provide positive feedback when players improve their skills or performance and help them acquire a sense of achievement when this occurs.
- Remember that competitive games are primarily for enjoyment and that winning is only part of the process.
- Remember that players need a coach they can respect, so set a good example.

- Keep informed of current coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of boys of all ages.
- Inform players of the immediate and long term benefits of participating in sporting and recreational activities.
- Be committed to remove verbal and physical abuse from G.P.S. activities.
- Ensure that you do not expect players to devote an unreasonable amount of time to training which would prevent them from leading a balanced life.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a participant is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or safety.

OFFICIALS - CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Officials are requested to:

- Be consistent, objective, courteous and without bias when making decisions.
- Be positive and supportive in your behaviour and with your comments.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Keep up to date with rule changes and with the latest trends in officiating.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS - CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The GPS Association warmly encourages the full and whole-hearted involvement and support of parents and spectators.

Parents are requested to:

- Encourage your son to always play by the rules. The good example you set by respecting the decisions of officials can do much to support this.
- Develop in your son a commitment to honest effort in order to improve his skills and his personal performance.
- Instill in your son the ability to accept losses and setbacks without undue disappointment.
- Develop in your son an appreciation and respect for fair play and encourage him to participate in a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- Applaud good play by your son's team and by members of the opposing team.
- Acknowledge the important role played by your son's coach and give him your full support.
- Remember that the competitive games your son plays are primarily organized for his benefit and enjoyment, not yours.
- Please note that the use of bad language and the harassment of players, coaches, and officials has no place in GPS sport.