

# Queensland Girls Primary Independent Schools Andrews Cup Association

## ANDREWS CUP SPORTING CODE OF CONDUCT



The QGIPS was established in 1938 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.

### General

1. **WINNING** is a vital ingredient of any sporting tradition, but should not be placed more highly than the **SPIRIT and ENJOYMENT** of the game or the **development of appropriate behaviour** related to losing or winning.
2. Good performances from either / any team should be acknowledged. **Encourage** your children to clap the opposition and their own players following a good performance.
3. The basis for all sport rests with encouragement of **honest effort and the development of skills**.
4. Children learn best from a **good example being set**.
5. Children should be taught and encouraged to **play by the rules** as laid down and abide by the referee's/umpire's decision.
6. **Positive encouragement** is valuable and appreciated – ridicule and harassment is not.
7. **Games are played for the fun and benefit of children** not as a demonstration of their parent's previous sporting proficiency or inefficiencies.
8. **The needs and goals of the children** should be the prime objective. If a positive, encouraging comment cannot be made – it is better to say nothing.
9. The Andrews Cup Association has a **Zero Tolerance policy for swearing – on and off the court**

10. Over-zealous and loud support is often detrimental to the performance of children. Designated coaches ONLY will be allowed to offer positive coaching advice to participants during competition.
11. Outbursts questioning the decision of referees or umpires are unacceptable.
12. The Andrews Cup Association will endeavour to cease /eliminate /reduce any repetitive negative behaviour by spectators. However, if needed, such matters will be referred to the Principal of the appropriate school.
13. In the event of threatened physical violence, the Executive Officer is to contact the police.
14. All parents and players are asked to preview the attached policies for Junior Sport issued by the Australian Sports Commission and the Andrews Cup Association.

## **CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR JUNIOR SPORT**

*(published by The Australian Sports Commission)*

### **Codes of Behaviour - COMPETITORS**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Codes of Behaviour – PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- If at all possible, parents should refrain from taking photographs of students other than their own daughter at Andrews Cup events.
- Photographs containing images of other girls, should not be posted on social media without the express permission of that child and her parents.
- Pets should not be brought along to Andrews Cup events.

### **Codes of Behaviour – COACHES**

- **Must wear a school polo shirt and name badge, provided by the school at all Andrews Cup events and have appropriate qualifications including a “Working With Children Blue Card”.**
- Place the safety and welfare of the students above all else.
- Set an example by operating within the rules and spirit of the sport, promoting fair play at all times.
- Encourage and support opportunities for students to learn appropriate behaviour and skills.
- Display courtesy and control to all involved in the sport.
- Respect the decisions of the officials, coaches and administrators.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for his/her decisions and actions.
- Offer only positive coaching advice during competition, focus on the student's efforts and be generous with praise.
- Not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviour or language.
- Encourage their students to show sportsmanship and support for other teams by remaining for the presentation ceremony.

***A breach of any part of the Codes of Conduct should, in the first instance, be brought to the attention of the Sports person of the Host School. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, it must be passed to the Executive Officer and, ultimately, the President. If the incident is considered serious the offender will receive an official letter from the Association.***