



Safe, Respectful Learners

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Lurnea PSSA Codes of Behaviour 2013

The following Codes of Behaviour have been developed by the NSW PSSA Council and adopted by Lurnea Public School. Please take your time to read them through with your child. The slip below must be signed by both the parent and child and then returned to your child's coach.

Player's Code of Behaviour

As part of a Lurnea Public School PSSA team, I agree to:

- Play for the fun of it.
- Compete by the rules and always abide by the referee's/umpire's decisions.
- Control my temper. Make no criticism by word or gesture.
- Display appropriate behaviour at all times and remember I am representing my school.
- Work equally as hard for myself and my team – my team's performance will benefit and so will my own.
- Be willing to train at regular training sessions and prepare for the game.
- Play only when I am fully fit. To play with injury/illness will handicap my team.
- Be a good sport and encourage fellow team members.
- At all times cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve my skills.
- Be modest in success and generous in defeat.
- Wear the correct school sports uniform on all occasions: black shorts, skirt or skorts, sports shirt (with school emblem) or specialist sport shirt and a **school hat** (with school emblem).
- Remove jewellery and other ornaments likely to cause injury.
- Keep fingernails short whenever possible. Long fingernails should be taped.
- **Remain in my PSSA team for the whole season.**
- **Pay up-front fees for bus fares at the start of each PSSA season.**

Parent's Code of Behaviour

As a parent of a child who is part of a Lurnea Public School PSSA team, I agree to:

- Not force an unwilling child to participate in particular sports.
- Remember my child/ren are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not my own.
- Encourage my child to always play by the rules.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good play by my child's team and by members of the opposing team.
- Not publicly question the referee's or umpire's judgement and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment by teacher-coaches. I understand that they give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for my child.
- Have realistic expectations for my child and his/her team. I will not expect more than they can give.
- Pay up-front fees for bus fares for my child at the start of each PSSA season

Spectator's Code

As a spectator of a PSSA game, I agree to:

- Remember that children play organised sport for their own enjoyment.
- Respect the umpire's or referee's decision.
- Be on my best behaviour. I shall not indulge in physical or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Applaud good play by my own team and opposing teams.
- Show respect for opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Not encourage or condone the use of violence in any form.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules.

Infectious Diseases (Blood Rule – Procedure)

- All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood must be viewed as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.
- A player who is bleeding must be removed immediately from the activity and not permitted to return until:
 - the source of bleeding has been controlled.
 - any blood covered body area has been cleaned thoroughly and any blood covered equipment has been cleaned or removed.

Judiciary

- If a child behaves inappropriately or is sent off during a PSSA sanctioned competition, they will be referred to a Judiciary panel consisting of the Principal/Deputy Principal, PSSA Sports Co-ordinator and Team Coach.
- This panel will make a decision based on the offence. Parents will be informed of the outcome in writing and may be requested for an interview to discuss the problem.
- Suspensions from PSSA Sport may occur as a result of a child going before the Judiciary.

Procedures

- At the beginning of each PSSA season (Summer or Winter), children are required to pay the specified amount of money to cover bus fares to and from sporting venues. If up-front payment for the season is not received before the day of the first game, that child is ineligible to attend the first game and may be at risk of losing his/her position on the team if payment is not made shortly after the first game. The child may be permitted to return to PSSA once all payment has been made.
- In cases of illness, a note is required from the parents for a child not to compete in PSSA on that day.
- If a child has a medical injury, they will not be allowed to play PSSA until a medical clearance is given by a doctor.

Please sign the note below after carefully reading the codes.

We, _____ (parent / guardian) and _____ (child)
hereby declare that we have read and understand the Codes of Behaviour. We agree to abide by these behaviours at all times. We understand that if these behaviours are not followed, omission from the PSSA team may occur.

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Signed: _____ (Child)

Date: _____