



WEST YORKSHIRE SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents & Spectators

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours. Encourage young people to participate, never force them
- Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome
- Never ridicule a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are always motivational
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game
- Encourage all players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials
- Respect the rights and dignity of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Focus on, and praise the effort and performance displayed, rather than the winning or losing
- Encourage young people to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to argumentative behaviour
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Always show appreciation for good performances displayed by all individuals and teams
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities
- Respect coaches' and officials' decisions and teach young people to do likewise
- Always show appreciation for the coaches, officials and administrators. Without them there would be no activity for your child to participate in
- Always ensure you are punctual when dropping off and collecting your children, do not put the coach/club in a difficult position by arriving late

Sanctions for Breaches of the Code

If a helper or volunteer breaches the above code of conduct the following sanctions will be employed:

In the case of a minor breach e.g. lack of positivity or supportive behaviour:

- the parent/spectator will be asked and encouraged to behave in a more appropriate manner by the event staff supervising them
- the parent/spectator will be reminded of the Code of Conduct which they have agreed to abide by for the event

In the case of a major breach e.g. discriminatory, offensive and violent behaviour:

- the parent/spectator will be removed from their role within the event
- if behaviour shown is in breach of the law then the police will be called and the matter handled by them
- if the parent/spectator is over 18 years they will be asked to leave the event immediately
- parent/spectator of age 16-18 will be removed from their role within the event and should report to the event volunteer co-ordinator
- the event volunteer co-ordinator will contact the adult contact listed on the parent/spectator registration form as soon as possible and agree transport arrangements for the young person to leave the event
- the parent/spectator school or club will be contacted following any such incident and will follow their own disciplinary procedure as appropriate