

Code for Supporters

- ◆ Remember that although young people play organised sports they are not miniature International athletes.
- ◆ Be on your best behaviour. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches or referees.
- ◆ Applaud good play be either team.
- ◆ Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
- ◆ Verbal abuse of players or referees cannot be accepted in any shape or form. Players and referees are not fair targets for ignorant behaviour.

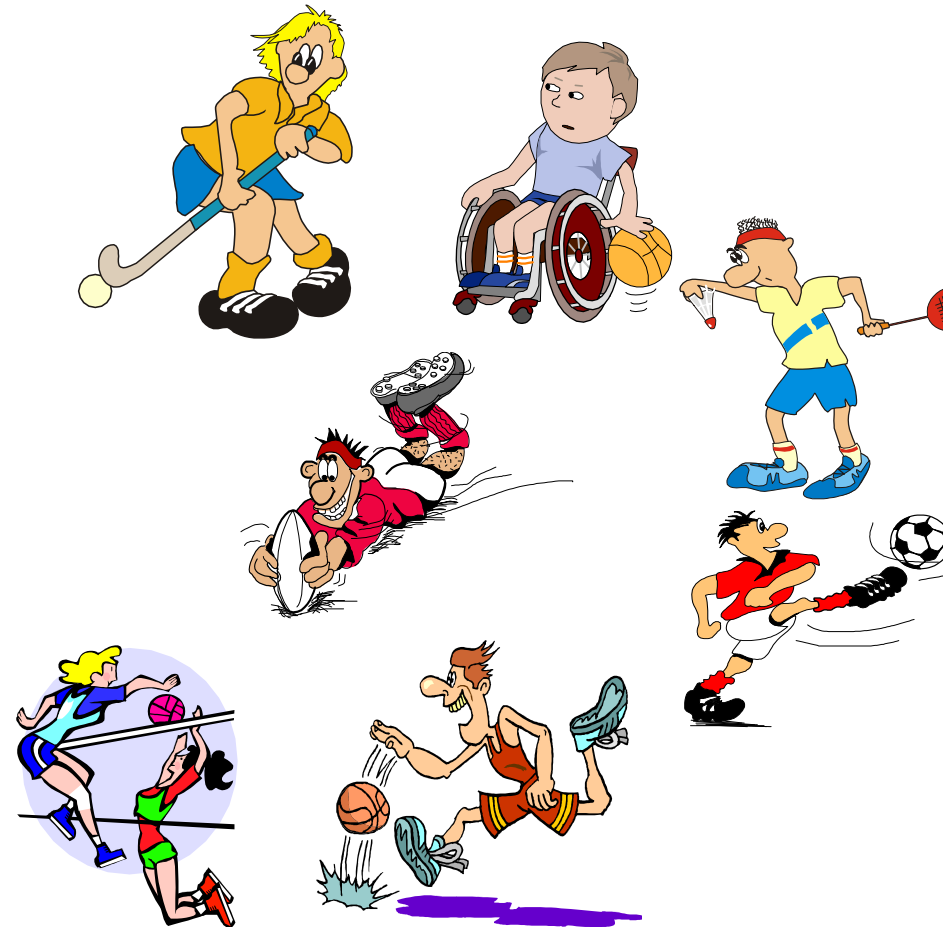
Code for Organisers

- ◆ Will provide a minimum 4 week notice of events.
- ◆ Will provide all schools taking part with a copy of the event rules.
- ◆ Will adjudicate on any rule infringements.



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East Lothian Youth Sport Code of Conduct



Code for Players

The promotion of FUN, POSITIVE ATTITUDES and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP should be the main dynamic of Youth Sports. Players disregarding this spirit should be considered for instant substitution during a game. Repeated infractions will result in sending off and disqualification

- ◆ Play for enjoyment, not just to win.
- ◆ Never argue with the Referee.
- ◆ Control your temper - no bad language.
- ◆ Respect your opponents.
- ◆ At the final whistle applaud and thank your opponents and the Referee for the match.
- ◆ Respect the facility that you are using and always leave it the way you found it.

Code for Coaches

- ◆ Remember that young people need a coach they can respect. Set a good example.
- ◆ Remember that young players play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a match.
- ◆ Insist on fair play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
- ◆ Never criticise the referee during or after a match in front of players or spectators. Always thank the officials after a match has taken place.
- ◆ Be in control of your players at all times during matches and ensure that they behave in a way that brings credit not criticism to your school.
- ◆ Junior coaches should report misbehaviour of players to the adult organising the event

◆ School's / Club's Code

- ◆ Must provide organisers with the name of the teacher / responsible adult in charge of their team(s).
- ◆ Must send a teacher / responsible adult with their team (s) to an event
- ◆ Must ensure their team(s) arrive at the venue on time.
- ◆ Must ensure their team(s) know what events/games /matches they are competing in.
- ◆ Are responsible for the behaviour of their team(s).
- ◆ Are responsible for the medical well being of their team (s).
- ◆ Must ensure their team (s) are acquainted with the sports rules and ELC's code of conduct.
- ◆ In the event of entering two teams for an event, will not switch players between teams. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to automatic disqualification.

Code for Parents

- ◆ Remember that young people are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ◆ Encourage your child always to play to the Laws of the Game.
- ◆ Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a match.
- ◆ Remember that young people learn best by example.
- ◆ Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.
- ◆ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from school sport.
- ◆ Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and Referees. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your children.