

**Penshurst West Public School**  
**PSSA CODE OF CONDUCT**

Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware, your child has been selected to represent Penshurst West Public School each Friday morning as part of our inter school sport program. They will be an ambassador not only for their sport but also for this school and your family.

Their behaviour and attitude toward sport will help those they play and others form an opinion of the kind of school to which they belong.

As responsible team members and as parents, you are both required to abide by a Code of Conduct for Players and Parents/Spectators.

Please discuss and co-sign the following codes of behaviour with your child so that they are able to participate in PSSA and to ensure a common understanding between students, staff and parents of Penshurst West School.

**Code of Conduct for Players**

1. Maintain acceptable schoolwork standards.
2. Maintain acceptable behaviour standards at all times.
3. Be punctual and attend all training sessions. Inform the coach when unable to attend.
4. Dress in the appropriate uniform for the sport you play INCLUDING a school hat.
5. Cooperate at all times with the coach, team mates and the competing school.
6. Try to the best of your ability at all times.
7. Compete by the rules and always respect and abide by the referee's/umpire's decision.
8. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members. Play for the fun of it and allow others to enjoy it.
9. Control your temper, making no criticism either by word or gesture.
10. Behave responsibly while travelling on a bus or walking to and from a venue.
11. Sit down and support the other teams whilst not involved in the game being played.
12. Conclude each game by congratulating the competing school.
13. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Bad language, sledging and bullying on or off the field is NEVER accepted.
14. Be responsible for packing equipment – sharing the work.

***I have read the Code of Conduct carefully with my parents and understand it.***

***I am aware that not following the Code of Conduct may result in unfavourable consequences.***

***I agree to compete within the Code of Conduct at all times when representing Penshurst West Public School.***

***I am aware that the coach may select players for a Sports Award each week and/or a Coach's Award and/or Most Improved Award at the end of the Season. All awards are entirely at the discretion of the coach.***

**Signed: (Child)..... Date: .....**

**Witness: (Parent/Carer)..... Date: .....**

## **Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators**

1. Encourage participation by your child/children.
2. Encourage honest effort and skilled performance.
3. Remember that children play sport for THEIR enjoyment.
4. Provide a model of good sports behaviour for your child to copy. Applaud good play by all teams.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
7. Be COURTEOUS in your communication with players, team coach, team officials, game officials and sport administrators and show appreciation for their services.
8. Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
9. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

***I have read the Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators and understand it.***

***I am also aware that there may be consequences if I do not follow it.***

***I agree to act in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators of Penshurst West School.***

***I am aware that the coach may select players for a Sports Award each week and/or a Coach's Award and/or Most Improved Award at the end of the Season. All awards are entirely at the discretion of the coach.***

**Parent / Carer Name: .....**

**Signed: ..... Date:.....**