



Acacia International School

Sports Policy

1. Introduction

At Acacia International School we recognise the value of sports in helping us to achieve our aims of providing a broad and balanced educational experience and enabling all children to realise their potential.

Aims

The aims of our sports programme are for all children to:

- participate in sports for enjoyment and develop a lifelong love of sports
- develop a positive competitive spirit and determination to excel
- develop excellent sportsmanship
- develop understanding of the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- develop self-esteem and self confidence
- develop self-control, discipline, and fair play
- develop social skills and teamwork
- realise their sporting potential

Guiding principles

Our sports programme will be implemented with the following guiding principles:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- all children will have the opportunity to participate in sports, sporting teams and sporting events
- promotion of a growth mindset
- nurture a culture of challenge and achievement
- provide age appropriate opportunities

2. Sports Code

The aim of this sports code is to make clear the expectations of all members of the school community involved in sport at Acacia International School. The sports code is based upon the school's general Code of Conduct and interprets the code for sporting contexts. Our school



code of conduct is: Respect yourself, respect others, respect the environment. The sports code is applicable to both match and practice situations.

Our children should:

- Uphold the sports code and the code of conduct
- Treat everyone with respect at all times
- Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents, teacher or coach
- Do your best for yourself and your team
- Play by the rules of the game, demonstrate self control and never cheat
- Listen to the referee and accept their decision. Do not argue with the referee. Let your captain or coach mediate with the referee on behalf of the team
- Be a good sport and recognise all good play, whether by your team or by your opponent's team
- Give help to fallen opponents
- Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity
- Encourage value and support all your teammates
- Be ambassadors for the school, team and teammates.

Our staff / coaches should:

- Treat everyone with respect at all times
- Ensure the safety and well-being of all participants during sports
- Remember that young people play for fun, enjoyment and development and that winning is only part of it
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- Set a good example for all players, parents and spectators at all times
- Ensure that each player is appropriately dressed with the school kit sports
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (E.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Never condone rule violations and inappropriately aggressive play
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as the judgement of referees and opposing coaches
- Develop thorough knowledge of the rules of the sports and assist players in their understanding of them, supporting where necessary
- Ensure that every child has an opportunity to be part of a team, and that all players get a game
- Foster a growth mindset for all children, view mistakes as opportunities for learning
- Provide appropriate feedback and develop a positive coaching approach
- Manage behavior according to the Positive Behaviour Policy
- Be informed about first aid procedures and health issues of the group



- Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with student athletes and respect proper teacher-student boundaries
- Be informed about safeguarding policies and procedures
- Ensure age appropriate team selection

Our parents and spectators should:

- Treat everyone with respect at all times
- Remember that my child plays sport for his/ her enjoyment, not mine
- Act as a good role model by recognising and encouraging good sporting behaviour and effort of all children and of all teams, including opponents
- Allow the coach to be the person who instructs and controls the team
- Discourage other supporters from using inappropriate spectator language or interfering in coaching decisions made during the activity
- Encourage all players even when mistakes are made. View mistakes as opportunities for development
- Respect officials' decisions. Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never his/her honesty
- Encourage the children to respect the decisions of the officials
- Assist my child to understand and follow the players' code
- Raise any concerns that I may have with the coach or Sports Coordinator
- Respect the rights and worth of every player regardless of their differences
- Although you are not playing, remember that you should act in a sporting manner as our school will be judged by your behavior

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