



## **BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL – SGB POLICIES**

### **POLICY: SPORTS POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **THE PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to create and establish an element of positive communication between all role players in sports and to protect the different role players.

This policy is designed to:

- encourage all learners to participate in sport
- encourage the element of enjoyment in sport
- make parents and adults aware that young children play sport to satisfy themselves
- improve the psychological wellbeing and physical fitness of youth by making sport attractive, safe and enjoyable for everyone
- remind Administrators, Coaches, Referees, Umpires and Parents that Sport must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those children who wish to participate in the different sporting codes
- protect learners, coaches, teachers and parents from any form of abuse

#### **THE COACH**

- The coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and its supporters
- The coach must be reasonable in demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- All learners must be taught the laws and rules of their sport
- Ensure that all learners participating get even an opportunity to play in a match situation
- Remember that all children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a part of it
- Never ridicule or yell at children for making mistakes or losing a game
- Develop team respect for the ability of each other and opponents, as well as the judgement of referees, umpires and opposing coaches
- Remember that learners need a coach they can respect
- Be generous with your praise and set a good example
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself updated on the latest coaching principles
- Encourage the learners in your charge to develop basic skills
- Create opportunities to teach sportsmanship
- Insist on fair play, do not tolerate foul play, fighting, or foul language
- Insist on a disciplined approach by learners
- Remember punctuality and correct dress code
- Set a good example through personal good behaviour

## **THE LEARNERS**

- Participate in sport for the enjoyment, not just to please parents and coaches
- Learn the rules and laws of your sport
- Never argue with referees, umpires and coaches
- Control your behaviour on and off the field, court, pitch and etc
- Work hard at your sport and if you play in a team remember there is no I in team
- Be a good sport
- Treat your peers as you yourself would like to be treated
- Remember that the goals of sport is to have fun, improve your skills and feel good
- Co-operate with your coach, manager, team mates, referee, umpire and opponents
- Be punctual
- Make sure that you have the correct sporting dress, kit and equipment
- Do your school proud

## **THE REFEREE/UMPIRE**

- Ensure that “over-refereeing” the match/game does not lose the spirit of the game
- Ensure that both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship
- Compliment both teams on their good play whenever such praise is deserved
- Try an encourage fair play
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound refereeing/umpiring principles and the principles of growth and development of young people
- Be fair
- Be able to accept positive criticism

## **THE PARENTS**

- Do not force your child to participate in a certain sport
- Remember that your son/daughter is involved in the sport of his/her choice for his/her enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of his/her sport
- Teach your son/daughter the value of honesty and fair play
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your son/daughter work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
- Never ridicule or yell at your child or someone in his/her team for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that young people learn by example. Applaud good play from your son/daughter and opposition
- Do not publicly question a coach’s, referee’s or umpire’s judgement and honesty
- Recognise the value of our coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your children

- Do not approach a referee/umpire/coach at any stage during or immediately after a game
- Please be reminded that your son/daughter must be collected within fifteen minutes of the end of a game or practice
- Be proud of your sons'/daughters' school and please support where you can
- Parents must play an active role in encouraging and supporting the school
- Parents must also be realistic in their expectations
- Abusing coaches will not be tolerated by the management of the school
- Please communicate through the correct channels. Mr Winn is Head of Sport and all matters involving sport must be directed at him

### **THE SPECTATORS**

- Remember that young people are playing organized sport for their own fun. They are not miniature adults. They are still learning the skills and they need to be encouraged
- Be on your best behaviour
- Do not use offensive language, or harass sportsmen, coaches, referees, umpires or other spectators
- Applaud good play
- Show respect for opposition
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms
- Respect coach, referee, umpire's decisions
- Encourage fair play
- Do not attack a referee/coach/umpire at any stage during or immediately after a game
- Spectators must play an active role in encouraging and supporting the school
- Supporters must also be realistic in their expectations
- Abusing coaches will not be tolerated by the management of the school



**SIGNED:**

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**CHAIRPERSON OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**DATED:**

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