

## **IAPS Sport and Pupil Experience Programme: Code of Conduct for Competitors**

### **Welcome to your IAPS event!**

We want everyone to have fun, feel safe, and enjoy playing sport together. To help make that happen, we have a few simple rules for you, your coaches, parents, and the event organisers.

#### **For you – the competitor**

As someone playing at an IAPS event, here's what we ask of you:

1. Play to enjoy yourself! It's not just about winning – it's about having fun.
2. Listen to the referees and umpires – their decisions are final.
3. Be kind and respectful to everyone – teammates, opponents, and adults.
4. Try your best, whether you're winning or losing.
5. Be a good teammate. Encourage others and celebrate their efforts too.
6. Work together with your team and coach.
7. Thank the adults who help organise, coach, and run your event.
8. Stick to the rules and always play fair.

#### **For your coach or teacher**

Your coach or teacher promises to:

- Make sure you're playing in the right age group.
- Help you understand the rules and play safely.
- Treat all schools fairly – no picking players from other schools.
- Be respectful to referees, other coaches, and you!
- Let everyone who wants to play have a chance.
- Help you enjoy the day – not just focus on winning.

#### **For parents and spectators**

We love having supporters at IAPS events! Parents and spectators agree to:

- Cheer positively and support fairly.
- Let the referees do their job – no arguing or shouting.
- Respect the coaches – they give up their time to help.
- Be kind to all children and other parents.
- Help us keep things safe by following the rules.
- Celebrate effort and teamwork, not just winning.

If anyone is not following the rules or behaving badly, they may be asked to leave the event.

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### For event helpers and referees

Referees and volunteers are here to help you have a great day. They promise to:

- Treat everyone fairly.
- Keep you safe.
- Use kind and respectful language.
- Help explain the rules if you're unsure.
- Be patient – we're all still learning.
- Never be alone with a child – they always work near others.

### What if something feels wrong?

If you ever feel worried, unsafe, or upset, talk to:

- Your coach or teacher
- A parent or carer
- The event organiser
- Any adult wearing an IAPS badge

You can also speak to someone using the numbers below:

- Childline: 0800 1111
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

We're here to help – always speak up if something doesn't feel right.

 **Have fun, play fair, be kind and enjoy your day!** 