



Code of Conduct for Coaches

IAPS Sports events are held in high regard by member schools. In 2019-2020, 22,000 children took part in over 160 events across 22 different sports. This code of conduct is a set of behaviours expected at IAPS events to ensure that they are enjoyable and fair for all children involved.

As a **coach** at an IAPS sports event, you have a responsibility to:

1. Fully commit to this code of practice
2. Ensure that you have read and understood IAPS's safeguarding policy and procedures. Ensure that you have read and understand your school safeguarding policy and procedures and have undergone the necessary safeguarding checks. Ensure that all competitors understand your schools safeguarding procedures.
3. Ensure that all competitors are competing in the correct age groups according to their date of birth.
4. Ensure that you and your competitors respect the rules, officials and opposition always.
5. Remember that your competitors play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of this.
6. Ensure that you always use appropriate language and behaviour; never ridicule or shout at competitors for making mistakes or losing a competition.
7. Ensure that all equipment used meets the NGB safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of your competitors.
8. Provide opportunities for all competitors who wish to participate without over playing the most talented.
9. Understand the effort that goes into organising an IAPS event. Late withdrawals create problems for the organiser and other schools who have entered. Your place could have been given to another school on the waiting list.

IAPS withholds the right to withdraw your school from sports competitions if you fail to comply with the code of conduct.