Glamorgan School

Sports Philosophy

Aim:
At Glamorgan School we take pride in an inclusive sports programme that provides positive coaching and playing experience for all children in a supportive learning environment.

Guidelines:
Glamorgan School expects students to:

- Play by the rules and to abide by officials decisions
- Participate fairly and display sportsmanship at all times by:
    - Respecting their own team members and opponents
    - Maintaining self control
    - Having a healthy attitude towards competition
- Respect and support their coaches, managers and umpires
- Demonstrate personal and team pride
- Show commitment to achieve success by:
    - Attending practices and/or training sessions
    - Turning up on time
    - Letting the coach know in advance if you are not available
    - Having all necessary equipment and their uniform
    - Participating for the whole season (unless under serious circumstances)
    - Strive to win by doing their best

Glamorgan School expects coaches, managers and supporters to:

- Treat children equally and fairly by:
    - Following rotational guidelines where provided
    - Giving an equal amount of coaching time
    - Giving an equitable amount of playing time
- Be reasonable in their demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm e.g. appropriate length and frequency of practice times.
- Make a personal commitment to keep themselves informed of sound coaching principles
- Teach their players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is not the only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at children for making mistakes or losing a competition
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches
- Do the best for the team they are given

Glamorgan School will:

- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Provide a copy of the school sports philosophy to all coaches, managers and umpires of school sports teams
- Provide a copy of the school sports philosophy to families of children participating in school sports teams (the philosophy will be copied onto the back of sports notices and permission slips)
- Have a copy of this sports philosophy at the school office and on the school website
- Organise an evening for managers and coaches each year to outline the school philosophy and advise them on how to deliver effective programmes and how to support children
- Provide information and encouragement for coaches, managers and umpires to attend specific training/coaching sessions when available