

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.

Under National Administration Guideline 5 there is a requirement for schools to 'promote healthy food and nutrition for all students'. There is no expectation from the school that lollies and treats are provided by parents at the end of sports games or events. A healthy option such as fruit would be preferable.

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.
- Provide information and encouragement for coaches, managers and umpires to attend specific training/coaching sessions when available.