

Glamorgan School Sports Philosophy

Aim:

At Glamorgan School we take pride in an inclusive sports programme that provides a positive coaching and playing experience for all children. We aim to encourage children to develop a lifelong relationship with sport.

It is vital that everyone involved, including players, coaches and managers, parents and spectators, support, encourage and allow players to “have a go” and enjoy participating in their chosen sport/s.

This will be achieved for children through:

- Enjoyment
- Participation and commitment
- Satisfaction of achievement
- Encouraging each child to be the best they can be

By:

- Providing friendly and fun experiences
- Encouraging self-responsibility
- Developing physical and technical skills
- Fostering fair play practices and to ensure all participants exhibit sportsmanship
- Promoting communication and teamwork

Guidelines:

All players, representing Glamorgan School in either an individual or team sport will receive a copy of the Glamorgan School Players Code of Conduct. Parents are expected to read through the Code of Conduct with their child prior to registration for a sport at Glamorgan School. Please ensure that your child understands the Code.

The respective roles of participants (Coaches & Managers, Parents and Spectators) will be made clear by the school via a written code of conduct document in advance of any sporting code season commencing. These can be located on our school website

www.glamorgan.school.nz

Coaching and Managing Glamorgan School Sports Teams

Coaches and managers give their time to help develop the skill and passion for sport to the students in our teams. We are very lucky to have our great school coaches.

The role of coach or manager is an important one, and we rely on our parents to volunteer. You do not have to be an expert in the sport. Time, a basic knowledge of the rules and a positive, supportive attitude is really all that is required by the children. Coaching a team can be a really positive and rewarding experience for many parents.

For all sports teams, the school relies on parents to not only coach and manage but to model behaviours of sportsmanship and being a good team player. Coaches and managers will be expected to uphold the Glamorgan School Coaches and Managers Code of Conduct issued by the school in advance of any sporting code season commencing.

Responsibilities

- Give praise and encouragement to all children who play sport.
- Aim to foster team spirit and create a fun learning environment while teaching the players the game. 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.
- Ensure teams have enough players to participate each week and obtain replacements if necessary.
- Ensure players wear the correct sports uniform for the code.
- Ensure players are treated equally and fairly. Choose who plays where, ensuring that every player is rotated around all positions if those are the rules for their level of play.
- Ensure the rules of sporting venues are adhered to (such as player/position rotations, sideline behavior, spectator areas etc.)
- Ensure teams demonstrate good behavior, sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- Ensure parents/caregivers are reminded to give praise and encouragement to players.
- Schools are required to 'promote healthy food and nutrition for all students'. A healthy option such as fruit should be encouraged if parents wish to provide food at half time or at the end of sports games or events.
- If 'Player of the Day' awards are given to players, manage these on an equitable basis.
- Provide a 'scorer' or referee where required.
- Have other team coaches contacts for support and to share ideas in teaching the sport.
- Attend coaching clinics if possible or arrange to attend an experienced coach's training session to get some ideas.

- Have support from the manager and parents to guide children's behaviour. Coaches can always contact the teacher representative as well, to help out here. Children respond better to teachers at times and we are here to help!

Practices and training

- Once training day and time options have been established, please check with the office to ensure the hall/court/field is available, and then book it.
- Advise parents/caregivers of any information that is required, including regular training times either before school, lunchtime or afterschool and venues so parents can plan around this.
- It is acceptable for our sports teams to have one practice session during the week. If extra weekend sessions are desired, please be mindful that families have other weekend commitments. Children must not be penalised for missing some of these practices.
- Be on time and have equipment prepared.
- Know what you want the team to practice and make this clear to children, so they understand why these skills are important.
- Sometimes you need to share a space with another team. Be considerate in accommodating this. Remember you are the role model for the children and they will copy what they see and hear!
- Stick to the times given for your practice. Parents will have made other arrangements around your practice time so going over the time means they are late collecting other children or doing other things the family has planned. If you need to finish a practice early, always let the parents know beforehand (at least a day) so they can change their plans. Never cancel a practice once it has started.
- You must never leave a child alone to wait for parents after a practice. Always stay with them until a parent or whanau member arrives. If they are late then use your contact list to ring them.
- Have a list of children, parents, phone numbers and addresses so you can call parents and caregivers in an emergency and make sure they all have your details too.

Guidelines to help new coaches of Glamorgan School sports teams

The junior teams in years 1,2 and 3 need to focus on learning to be part of a team and what that means

- Commitment / responsibility.
- Listening – learning to follow instructions (keep them simple).
- Sharing / working together.
- Pride / achievement – in winning and losing.
- Learn basic ball/foot/hand skills and the nature of the game.

Senior players who have played before can work on

- Advanced play, working together and utilising individual talents.
- Increasing the level of commitment.
- Pride in achievement – representing their school.
- Consistent good behaviour and good sportsmanship.
- Giving back to the school by helping out Junior teams where practicable.

Guidelines for Game Day

- Arrange for the team to meet up prior to the game for warm up.
- Manager to get scorecard from official area and arrange payment for umpire if required.
- Check to ensure all players meet any requirements for the sport such as nails clipped, hair tied up, no jewellery to be worn etc.
- Identify a captain for each game.
- Walk players together to the court/pitch ready to play 5 min before the match.
- Captain to go with the coach for the toss.
- ½ time coach and manager only to go on court to talk to players and give them a drink.
- At the end of the game come together. Captain leads the cheer with support from the coach, then all players line up and shake hands with the rival team.
- Walk off as a team to a designated area.
- Coach debrief (± 5 mins) on team play. Identify good play and areas that can be worked on.
- Award Player of the Day if this is part of the sport routine – identify best effort (rotate each week – state why and verbally praise others if suitable) and ensure that all players receive POD award at least once during the season.

Parents and Supporters of Glamorgan School Sports Teams

At Glamorgan School we provide extracurricular sport to your children so that they have the opportunity to experience a variety of team sports in a fun and supportive environment. It is important to us that your children learn how to be a team player, while improving their own skills and developing a passion for sport.

Current research has also shown that primary-aged children are more interested in playing with their friends and having fun and that these values are more important to the majority of children than winning. Children also develop at differing rates. We support this research and therefore our emphasis is that all children are included wherever possible – regardless of ability.

Your role as a parent is to :

- Ensure your child has the correct uniform and any other necessary equipment, ie mouthguard.
- Ensure your child attends training sessions on time with correct equipment, and is collected promptly afterwards.
- Ensure your child attends games and is committed for the entire season.
- Liaise with the Team Manager if your child cannot attend training sessions or games.
- Support the Team Manager and Coach, as well as team officials.
- Abide by the Parent and Supporters Code of Conduct.

Glamorgan School Parent and Supporters Code of Conduct

Parents are required to read and understand the Glamorgan School Parent and Supporters Code of Conduct to verify their acceptance of the code prior to their child participating in any after school or inter school sporting competition.

Parental support is essential to helping the team have a successful, enjoyable season. Please remember a positive attitude on the side line goes a long way to ensuring all involved will enjoy the competition. Thank you for supporting your child to experience and enjoy sport!

Any parent who breaches the Code of Conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave. Repeated violations may result in the forfeiture of the privilege of remaining at the practice or attending games.

- I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure my child attends team practices regularly, arrives at practices on time with appropriate gear and is picked up on time from all practices and games. I will communicate with the coach or manager if circumstances prevent my child from attending practices.
- I understand that school sport at primary school level is centered on children participating, building confidence, learning new skills, forming new relationships and having fun.
- I will respect the policies and decisions made by the coach or school and will take time to speak with the coach or school at an agreed upon time and place to discuss any issues.
- I recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer coaches and managers who give up their time and resources for the sporting benefit of my child.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and principles of fair play, respecting officials' and coaches' decisions.
- I will emphasise skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will accept decisions of the game officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials, or follow procedures of the sporting venue or school if complaints are to be made.
- I will do my best to be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials.
- I will inform the coach of any physical injury or medical condition, eg asthma, which may affect the safety of our child or the safety of others.
- I will ensure I know the process to follow should I have any concerns regarding incidences or behaviour during a game.

I agree that in doing the above, I will be supporting Glamorgan Schools values outside of school with my child, and be a valuable and committed supporter of my child's team.

Glamorgan School Coaches and Managers Code of Conduct

Coaches/Managers are required to read and understand this form to verify their acceptance of the Code of Conduct prior to commencement of the school sport competition they have offered assistance for.

- Respect the policies and decisions made by the school.
- Lead by example and be a positive role model for my team.
- Support the purpose of school sport at Glamorgan School, ie all children to develop teamwork and skills through participation, and to have fun.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same.
- Show respect and courtesy for all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage my players to do the same.
- Insist on fair play and give all players equal game time.
- Never yell at or ridicule a player for making a mistake.
- Be generous with my praise when it is deserved and positively reinforce the actions of all players.
- Be reasonable on the demands of young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. e.g. appropriate length and frequency of practice times.
- Make sure I know the process to follow should I have any concerns regarding incidences or behaviour during a game.
- Refrain from talking to the Umpire/Official or parent on the sideline during the game in front of the children.
- I will NOT approach any players or opposition teams directly myself.
- Ensure that no player is left at the courts/pool/turf or field by themselves after the game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Be willing to be police vetted upon acceptance as Coach/Manager of a team.

I agree that in doing the above, I will be supporting Glamorgan School's values outside of school with my team. I will be an exemplary role model and teach players the fair play and sportsmanship ideals.

Glamorgan School Players Code of Conduct

Parents are required to read through the following Code of Conduct with their child prior to participating or registering in any after school or inter school sporting competition. Please ensure that your child understands the Glamorgan School Players Code of Conduct.

Good sport is about having a positive attitude.

- Fully commit to the teams I play for, attending all training and games unless discussed with my coach/manager first.
- Be punctual to training, pre-game warm up and games.
- Bring my best attitude to training and to games by always playing fair and striving to achieve my personal best.
- Understand that the team coach/es and manager have volunteered their time and will be treated with respect and courtesy, this includes listening to and following their directions, participating fully at all training sessions and games.
- Be prepared and wear appropriate safety gear at training and games. i.e Mouthguard, shin pads.
- Always wear the correct Glamorgan School uniform with pride for all games.
- Be respectful and polite to the opposition.
- Play by the rules and accept the decisions of game officials (referees/umpires, etc). Never argue with the referees and umpires.
- Commit to the season and not giving up or wanting to quit.
- Thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game. Treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated.
- Remember that I am representing my school and that I need to be living our school values in my sport as well.

I agree that in doing the above, I will be supporting Glamorgan School's values outside of school with my team. I will be a valuable and committed member of my team.