



## **THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR ADELAIDE SCHOOLS**

### **CODE OF PRACTICE**

#### **Introduction**

**The Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) aims to:**

- provide an educational purpose and value through sports activities between member schools.
- provide and encourage interaction and healthy competition between member schools.
- provide high quality competition for all who participate and to encourage the importance of sport and a healthy lifestyle.

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**The key characteristics of the SAAS Competition are:**

- high standards of sportsmanship
- the provision of safe and suitable sporting environments and equipment
- School staff supervision of venues
- Suitably qualified officiating
- Courteous conduct from players, coaches/managers and spectators

**All schools, coaches/managers/players and spectators are responsible for ensuring that the above aims and characteristics are enacted in all SAAS competitions.**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**It is the responsibility of:**

#### **PRINCIPALS AND SPORTS COORDINATORS**

- foster sound attitudes towards sport in their coaches/managers, players and spectators
- provide, when hosting matches, a safe and suitable environment for competition, including ready access to medical care, changing rooms, toilets, etc
- ensure that coaches/managers have basic first aid training as a minimum and that all teams are equipped with an appropriate first aid kit
- show courtesy to visiting schools and, when visiting other schools, to respect their premises and rules
- having nominated a team for an SAAS competition, all member schools must aim to ensure a full team competes each week throughout the season. Where unavoidable change is necessary, early notification to the opposing school is essential.
- ensure adequate staff supervision at all venues
- communicate the Code of Practice throughout the school community

- follow the SAAS Disciplinary and Reporting Procedures

## **COACHES/MANAGERS**

- remember at all times that the SAAS sporting competition is primarily conducted for the educational and social benefits of the students and that winning or losing are secondary to this
- encourage student leadership on and off the field and promote as wide a student participation in sport as possible
- insist on high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, punctuality and dress
- strongly discourage public questioning of umpires' decisions and petulant displays of dissent
- intervene promptly in cases of unacceptable behaviour (by taking a player from the game or applying a similar sanction)
- intervene promptly to discourage spectators from any inappropriate language or behaviour, especially when directed towards the opposition or umpires
- implement and follow the Code of Practice
- follow the SAAS Disciplinary and Reporting Procedures

## **PLAYERS**

- exhibit high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy at all times
- accept the umpire's decision without question or dissent
- accept winning with modesty and losing with grace
- and to refrain from:
  - inappropriate language (eg swearing, abuse, sledging, racist taunts or other verbal harassment etc)
  - cheating or unfair tactics, including belittling or provocative behaviour designed to upset opponents
  - deliberate violence to another player

## **SPECTATORS**

- set an example of good sportsmanship by providing support that is constructive and positive, not critical and negative
- refrain from giving advice to a coach/manager, umpire or player during a match
- assume some responsibility for making visiting spectators feel welcome
- respect the premises and rules of a host school

## **SAAS DISCIPLINARY AND REPORTING PROCEDURES**

Umpires/Referees in all SAAS competition games have the authority to send a player off the field either for a temporary or permanent period, depending on the nature of the offence and whether or not prior warnings have been heeded.

Where an umpire/referee is not present it is the responsibility of the coach/manager to intervene in cases of unacceptable behavior.

### **SAAS Report Card**

A player excluded by an umpire for the duration of a game (red card) is to be reported to the Headmaster/Principal of his/her school via the SAAS Report Card.

Coaches/Managers are responsible for seeing that the SAAS Report Card is completed by the relevant umpire/referee in the event of a player being sent off for the duration of a game (red card)

Coaches/Managers are further responsible for ensuring that the completed Report Card is sent to the Sports Coordinator of the school which the reported player attends.

The Sports Coordinator, having sighted and signed the report Card, is responsible for passing it on to the Headmaster/Principal

The Headmaster/Principal is responsible for taking appropriate action and then communicating that action via the Report Card to the Headmaster/Principal of the opposing school and to the SAAS Executive Officer.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Open A teams in winter contact sports must wear numbers on their shirts**

In Australian Rules football

- a player who utters an audible obscenity or other form of inappropriate language directed to an umpire/official/player/spectator is to be immediately sent off the field for the remainder of the quarter and the following quarter
- a player who utters an audible obscenity in frustration is to be given a warning – a 25 metre penalty will result. A subsequent offence will result in the player being sent off.
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