



## **GREENHITHE SCHOOL SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Parents are required to read the following Code of Conduct with their child prior to registering or participating in any sport. Please ensure your child understands the Greenhithe School Players Code of Conduct.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS:**

- Play for enjoyment, not just to win or to please others.
- Be committed to the team. Attend all practices where possible and be punctual and see the season through.
- Bring my best attitude to training and to games by always playing fair and striving to achieve my personal best.
- Wear the correct Greenhithe School sports uniform with pride for all games.
- Thank the opponents, referees and the coach at the end of the game.
- Play by the rules and accept the decisions of game officials (referees/umpires etc).
- Never argue with the referees and umpires.
- Be a good sport and applaud good play whether my team or the opposition.
- Remember that I am representing my school and that I need to be living our school PRIDE values in my sport as well.

### **GREENHITHE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS/SUPPORTERS:**

As parents of a Greenhithe School team player we will:

- Ensure my child wears the correct sports uniform.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules and respect the officials, coaches and referees.
- Remember children learn best by example. Applaud the performance of both teams.
- Let the players play their game, not mine. Leave the directions of play to the coach.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Not ridicule or yell at my child or any other player for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Recognise and value the importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.

### **GREENHITHE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES/MANAGERS:**

As a Coach/Manager of a Greenhithe School team you will:

- Ensure the player's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Help each player reach their full potential.
- Recognise that all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. Treat each player as an individual, respecting their talent, developmental stage and goals.
- Ensure all players have equal game time regardless of the stage of the competition. Always adhere to the rotation policies of your respective competition.
- Teach your players to abide by the rules of the game.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents.
- Develop team respect for the judgement of officials.
- Make a commitment to keep yourself informed of effective coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and act in a way that projects a positive image of coaching.
- Remind the players about the Code of Conduct which will be discussed with the team at their first session.
- Clearly explain to all parents and players the purpose and use of taking photos of the team/players.
- Ask for email permission from the players' parent/guardian at the first session to ensure that you are able to take photos of the team/player. The Sports Coordinator will ensure that this procedure is being followed.