

Sevenoaks Sports Association Code of Conduct

Participants in an event include **teachers, players, parents, spectators, match officials** and **administrators**.

Every participant should:

- Discourage all instances of unsporting behaviour, foul or illegal play, or acts of violence, both on and off the field.
- Have a responsibility towards promoting the correct values from all the players.
- Respect the right of every person regardless of their age, ethnic origin, special needs, gender, religion or social background.
- Important; every person who attends an event does so with the permission of the partnership. Breaches of the code of conduct will be taken very seriously.

Player Code

- Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from both your team and the opposition and shake hands with and thank the opposition players and officials after the game – win, lose or draw.
- Participate for your own enjoyment. Make every effort to develop your abilities.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Be consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game. Never get involved in foul play.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including swearing, obscene gestures or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
- Care for and respect facilities and equipment made available to you.
- Safeguard your health.

Parent/Supporter Code

- Remember that children participate for their own enjoyment.
- Understand that benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score.
- Condemn all violent acts no matter who they are from.
- Respect the match officials' decisions – don't complain or argue during or after a game.
- Unsporting language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules of the game and respect opposition and officials.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages players and doesn't taunt the opposition.

Representing our Partnership: We use sport as a positive vehicle to success in Sevenoaks and encourage as many pupils as possible to participate no matter what level of ability.

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

