

Associated Independent Colleges

CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE:

The main aim of the Associated Independent Colleges organisation shall be “to promote and conduct various forms of inter-school activity, with a view to fostering a spirit of fellowship”. It is acknowledged and accepted that each school has its own standards of conduct and that it is within the jurisdiction of the Head of College to ensure that those standards are maintained; never the less it is hoped that some commonly accepted norms of behaviour designated herein would be observed on a uniform basis throughout the Association.

The Code is considered under the following headings:

1. *General Behaviour*
2. *Behaviour and Example of Coaches*
3. *Standards required by Referees*
4. *Conduct of Players*
5. *Conduct of Spectators*
6. *Dress*

1. General Behaviour

- a) Healthy, vigorous exercise; scrupulous regard for the spirit of the rules of the game; a willingness to submit to disciplined training; and the cultivation of a generous sportsmanship, should be the goals of AIC sports.
- b) The Host School has the right to expect the both visitors and members of its own community will adhere to its own particular customs and practices.
- c) The competition tables should not be regarded as the sole reason for competing.
- d) Schools should ensure that players compete in the their correct age group and that they adhere to the General Association Rules and By Laws for various sports.
- e) Racial abuse or any other form of harassment will under no circumstances be tolerated by AIC. Players should be given no more than one warning before being sent off and reported to the school. Spectators likewise should be reported and asked to leave the sideline if guilty of racial abuse.

2. Behaviour and Example of Coaches

- a) Under no circumstances is there to be deliberate bending of the General Association Rules and By Laws for the various sports.
- b) Coaches should encourage teams and/or individual players to be punctual in coming onto the field or reporting to the designated officials both before and during the matches.

- c) Coaching from the sideline or inside the arena by anyone is not to be allowed.
- d) Coaches must accept the decisions and umpires. This does not preclude rational clarification of decisions at a subsequent time.
- e) The following are to be discouraged:
 - Time wasting and time wasting actions
 - Unsportsmanlike behaviour
 - Over-vigorous play
 - Deliberate coaching of illegal tactics
 - Sledging
 - Dissent
 - Foul language
 - Foul play

3. Standards required by Referees

- a) As an Association we demand a certain standard of behaviour and dress from our players. Similar standards are expected of referees and umpires.
- b) Appropriate signals for the conduct of the sport should be adhered to at all times, as clear signalling is beneficial to the game.
- c) It is expected that referees and umpires should meet the required standards of qualifications in order to officiate.
- d) The criteria for appointment of referees and umpires as laid down in the various By Laws should be adhered to.

4. Conduct of Players

- a) A high standard of conduct is expected at all times, both on and off the field.
- b) Each and every player should be an example of what a sportsman should be, including an appreciation of good play and an acceptance of the mistakes made by fellow players.
- c) The game should be played hard, but never unfairly.
- d) Ill temper or spite should never be shown; assistance for opponents when it appears desirable should be given.
- e) The meeting of opposing coach and captain by opposite numbers is to be commended.
- f) Congratulations, thanks or cheers appropriate to the game, by the captain and/or players is to be encouraged.
- g) The orders or instructions of the umpire, referee or designated official should be obeyed quickly, and any decisions, however unfavourable, should be accepted without question.
- h) The use of drugs, including pain killers, to improve or maintain the performance of any individual player, or group of players, is strictly forbidden.

5. Conduct of Spectators

- a) Good play by either side should be acknowledged by spectators in the appropriate manner. This can encourage players and help them to lift their game as the match or contest progresses. Unwise or fanatical barracking can make a players perform foolish actions in his play, or incite him to foul play, which is not to be condoned.
- b) The Head of College has the legal right to remove any person or persons who do not conform to the acceptable standards of behaviour as laid down by his school.
- c) Consumption of alcohol by spectators during the conduct of a match or contest is not permitted.
- d) Referees or umpires are not to be approached by spectators at any time before, during or after a match.
- e) Cheering and supporting one's own team is recognised as part of the conduct of the game and, provided this barracking is within the requirements of the By Laws (with respect to Athletics and Swimming), it is to be encouraged. However, negative barracking against another school is not acceptable, and should be discouraged.
- f) While the Host School should make every endeavour to provide for the disposal of rubbish, all should make every effort not to litter any parts of the playing fields and/or grounds.

6. Dress

- a) Referees, umpires, officials and players are to be correctly attired according to the needs of the particular sport.
- b) Dress (especially footwear) of all participants should be clean and tidy, respectable, and not torn.
- c) The By Laws for the various sports, with respect to dress is to be observed by all players. In addition the following points are to be noted:
 - i. It is recommended that correct boots be worn for turf wicket matches;
 - ii. Correct headwear should be worn for cricket;
 - iii. Football socks are not acceptable for sports other than football.