

# HARPENDEN DISTRICT SCHOOL'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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## Supporters Code of Conduct

Dear Parent

School sport is an important part of children's education and the core values of the HDSA competitions are about sportsmanship and participation. Sport teaches self-discipline, perseverance, the importance of a healthy life style, respect for others and sportsmanship - the understanding that the game is more important than the result and that enjoying the game and playing with a spirit of fairness and friendliness are qualities that are important to foster.

It is with the above in mind that the Harpenden & District Primary Heads Consortium promotes a Supporters' Code of Conduct at all its competitive and non-competitive sports venues.

The consortium encourages and welcomes all supporters and expects the following courteous behaviour:

1. To encourage not criticise (and no coaching/direction)
2. To accept, without dissent, the decision of the referee or teacher in charge.
3. To promote positive language
4. To discourage inappropriate language
5. Not to take photos or video without the permission of the teacher in charge. We do have children at our events that have had to assume new identities for their safety; please do not breach this and put these children at risk.

We appreciate that you might be disappointed to learn that following Ofsted guidance on pupil safeguarding at host schools, parents/carers are welcome to support the events being held on school sites **after 3.30pm (4.00pm on a secondary school site)** but we would kindly request that you are not on the site during the school day. This does not apply to the Cross Country, tag rugby, kwik cricket and district sports events when supporters are encouraged to attend for the whole event.

At all our sporting venues an appraisal of conduct will be considered. The consequences of any inappropriate behaviour will be communicated to the school/s in question and appropriate action will be taken. This may include one or more of the following:

- Individual requests for non-attendance at sporting venues - this will always be precipitated by a letter from the Headteacher
- Season ban from one or more sporting event
- Void match (If the behaviour of any player, parent or supporter is not in line with the code of conduct, then the referee at the time has the right to call off the match and the team whom that supporter is watching would forfeit the match)
- Team disqualification
- Police involvement

Please sign the attached sheet to confirm that you have received a copy of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation

Headteacher

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I have read the Supporters Code of Conduct and I/We agree to abide by the spirit of the letter and in particular points 1 - 5.

I understand that schools hosting any of the events may have additional Covid requirements, such as the wearing of a face covering whilst on the school site and that toilet facilities will not be available for any supporters. I agree to comply with any additional requests made by the host school.

Signed.....

Name printed: .....

Parent of .....

In class.....

(Please return to the school office)