

**SD#73 Elementary Sports Council
Expectations for Athletic Programs**

Student athletes, coaches, sponsors, parents and spectators are expected to use the guidelines outlined in this document as the foundation of the athletic program in their schools, as well as following the Elementary Athletics Code of Conduct.

It is expected that **student athletes**:

- Are willing and eager to learn and improve their skills
- Demonstrate commitment to their teams by attending practices, meetings and games
- Participate with effort and enthusiasm
- Respect the decisions made by their coaches
- Demonstrate sportsmanship, appreciation, and respect for opponents, teammates, coaches, and officials
- Respect decisions made by officials at all times
- Demonstrate responsible behaviour at all team functions at their school and when travelling to other schools

It is expected that **coaches** and **supervisors**:

- Organize and plan the season by providing appropriate schedules, documents, and uniforms for their teams
- Focus on equal playing time and participation during the regular season
- Plan engaging activities for practices with a focus on the development of individual skills and team tactics
- Ensure that student athletes are having fun and enjoying their athletic experiences
- Demonstrate sportsmanship, appreciation, and respect towards their student athletes, opponents, other coaches, and officials
- Respect decisions made by officials at all times
- Use positive encouragement and reinforcement during practices and games and model appropriate behaviour

It is expected that **parents** and **spectators**:

- Applaud and value the effort of volunteer coaches, officials, and student athletes
- Show respect for officials and avoid questioning their decisions
- Provide only positive encouragement during games

I, _____ (student name) have read and understand the Elementary Athletics Code of Conduct and Expectations for Athletic Programs.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

SD#73 Elementary Athletics Code of Conduct

Players:

- Play by the rules of the competition.
- Treat everyone in the game with respect. No arguing with officials, coaches, teammates or opponents.
- Play for the enjoyment of the game. Winning is part of that but not the only thing.
- Try to do your best. Don't be discouraged if your performance is not the best in the game.
- Show appreciation and respect for the play of teammates and opponents, and for the work of officials by telling them.

Spectators, Parents, Coaches, Teachers:

- Children should have fun and play for THEIR fun.
- Remember: honest effort is more important than winning!
- Participants need positive encouragement while playing.
- Rules are necessary for games. Officials have the job of interpreting and applying those rules.
- Applaud the value and effort of volunteer coaches and officials. Verbal abuse is unacceptable.
- Children learn what we show them. We must be fair for them to learn how to play fairly.