

Code of Conduct for Sport at GK

For the benefit of parents whose children are involved in interschool sport – I have included some information about the sport policy of our governing body – School Sport Victoria (SSV).

The code of conduct is very different from what is acceptable in children's sport outside of school. Please be aware that there is to be no coaching by teachers or parents during GAME TIME of affiliated events. Coaching can only occur during breaks in play by the nominated coach. This policy becomes more important as children/teams progress towards the state finals. Sometimes however, at the lower levels, coaches agree that the main emphasis of the game should be on educating the children about the game (rules, positioning etc.) If you come along to watch your child compete, **please be aware that telling the children where to position themselves, who to pass to, when to run etc, is deemed inappropriate.** Abusing umpires and opposition player is totally unacceptable. Of course applauding good play is quite OK. Everyone who attends our games and events needs to be aware of the difficult position the teachers could potentially be placed in if parents/spectators break the 'code'. Children (and teams) who have deemed to have been coached during events (such as swimming and cross country) can be disqualified.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or would like to read the SSV code of conduct in full.

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