



HZSA Code of Conduct

Parent & Student Summary

The Hills Zone Sports Association (HZSA) is committed to ensuring all interschool sporting activities are positive, respectful, and safe for every student. The following outline highlights the key expectations for students, parents, spectators, coaches, and visitors at all HZSA sporting fixtures and events.

Purpose

HZSA sport exists to:

- Provide enjoyable and competitive sporting opportunities for students.
- Encourage sportsmanship, fair play, respect, and positive behaviour.
- Promote a safe environment where all stakeholders contribute respectfully.

Expectations of Students

Students must:

- Play by the rules and show respect for officials, teammates, opponents, and coaches.
- Use positive language and avoid bad language, abuse, or “talking back.”
- Demonstrate fair play — no deliberate fouling, bullying, rough play, or provoking behaviour.
- Cooperate with coaches and officials and show sportsmanship in winning and losing.
- Treat all participants with dignity regardless of gender, ability, culture, or background.

Expectations of Parents & Spectators

Parents and spectators are welcome but must:

- Provide positive, respectful support only from the sidelines.
- Not comment to referees or officials (many are students).
- Avoid negative behaviours including booing, whistling, criticism, or attempts to influence decisions.
- Stay off the playing area unless invited by staff.
- Direct concerns only through your school’s coach or Head of Sport—never directly to students, staff, or officials of another school.
- Model the behaviour we expect from our students.

Expectations of Coaches & Managers

Coaches and managers are expected to:

- Prioritise student enjoyment, wellbeing, and safety.
- Encourage respect for officials and keep coaching instructions appropriate.
- Promote positive behaviour and address inappropriate conduct.
- Support players with constructive, educational feedback.

Expectations of Visitors

Visitors to venues must:

- Follow all instructions from the host school or convenor.
- Keep facilities tidy and respect parking, seating, and movement guidelines.
- Not consume alcohol at any school sport event.
- Model respectful and calm behaviour at all times.

Reporting & Breaches

- Any concerns should be raised through your school’s sports staff.
- Serious breaches may be referred to the HZSA Executive Officer and the Disputes Committee.
- All incidents are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.