

# Associated Public Schools of Victoria

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## APS SPORT - CODE OF CONDUCT

The APS prides itself on promoting the highest standard of sport and behaviour.

Members of APS schools are responsible for upholding the spirit as well as the letter of the rules of sport in general and for demonstrating respect for the traditions and regulations of APS Sport in particular.

Most players can clearly distinguish between fair play and taking advantage of loopholes in the rules but the following points are intended to assist APS students work within the spirit of the APS.

### ***Captains...***

- Lead by example, with a mature approach in attitude, skills, presentation and role modelling.
- Are inclusive of others, particularly younger, newer members of the Firsts team and demonstrate dedication to the team by supporting and encouraging other members during practice and matches.
- Uphold custom: it is customary for the competing teams to shake hands before the commencement of the game and, at its conclusion, for each captain to call for three cheers for the opposing team and for the official/s (judge, referee or umpire).
- Extend the courtesies of a host to visiting teams.

### ***Players...***

- Play for enjoyment and strive for personal excellence and rewards of participation.
- Are good sports. They co-operate, encourage and support their coach and their fellow team members and acknowledge good performances by their opponents. They are fair winners and good losers.
- Demonstrate commitment to their team, their school and to APS Sport.
- Do not use derogatory language, especially when it is based on gender, religion, race or impairment; and respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants.
- Control their emotions and temper. Gestures and verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable nor permitted in APS Sport.
- Never argue with an official's decision: players respect and accept their decisions as being fair and made to the best of their ability. (Disagreements are handled by the captain, coach or team manager approaching the referee/umpire during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner).
- Set a good example by their conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Above all – display the qualities of a good sport at all times.