

CODE OF ETHICS OF NEW SOUTH WALES
SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NSWSSFA)

It is the duty of all concerned with School Football:

1. To emphasise the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitor and hosts.
6. To respect the integrity and judgement of sports officials.
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the laws of the game.
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgement by the players of a team.
9. To recognise that the purpose of football is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of individual players.
10. To remember that soccer is a game - not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, officials, community, state or nation.

AAGPS BY-LAWS FOR FOOTBALL
FOR 1ST XI and 2ND XI MATCHES

1. Matches shall be played by the metropolitan schools, each school meeting the others once a year. The match grounds shall be approved by the Committee.
2. Each school shall be entitled to play on its home ground in alternate years.
3. If a school, which has not competed in previous seasons, wishes to enter the competition, six months' notice before the commencement of that competition must be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Association.
4. Matches shall be played on Saturdays. All dates, if practicable, shall be adhered to. The Sub-Committee shall have the right to alter dates but should do so only under special circumstances. When considerable inconveniences arise from playing on the Saturday arranged in alteration of the date and/or venue may be made by mutual agreement between the schools themselves, and with the approval of the Committee. The Convener of the Sub-Committee must be notified of the change of 10:00am of the date fixed.
5. Matches shall be played in the second and third terms of the four-term year.
6. 1st XI matches shall commence at 11:30am and 2nd XI matches shall commence at 10.00am at Shore, Sydney Boys' High and Newington. All other schools hosting 1st XI matches shall commence at 1:30pm and 2nd XI matches shall commence at 12.00noon. Any variation of these times shall be by mutual consent between schools and the Convener shall be notified at least a week prior to the match by the host school.
7. Each 1st XI match shall be of 85 minutes duration, divided into two 40 minute halves with a five minute half-time break.

Each 2nd XI match shall be of 75 minutes duration, divided into two 35 minute halves with a five minute half-time break.

In both cases, allowances shall be made of either period for all time lost through accident or other cause, the amount of which shall be a matter for the discretion of the Referee.
8. A win shall count three points, draw one point and a loss no points.
9. In the absence of a Referee being appointed by the Sydney Schools Football Referees Association for any match, it shall be the duty of the home school to supply a Referee acceptable to both schools. If schools fail to agree, the home school shall appoint the referee.
10. The home school is responsible for the appointment of two qualified (holding an accredited referees qualification) Assistant Referees for each match. Such linesmen are to act as neutral linesmen in accordance with the Laws of Football.
11. All Referees and Assistant Referees shall be correctly attired in official Referee's uniform.

12. Should any dispute arise as to the fitness of the ground from any temporary cause, the decision of the Referee on the field of play shall be final. With the agreement of the Committee the fixture will be replayed at a date and place set by the Committee.
13. In the event of a school's refusal to play a match as arranged, it forfeits the match.
14. Interchange players are allowed throughout the match from five named players. There is a maximum of six in a match made at anytime at the discretion of the coach. Interchange players must have played a full half of a previous match on the same day. Where the Second XI is the first game of the day five players who have not played a previous match may be listed.
15. Both teams are responsible for the completion of the Match Report Sheets. These sheets must be signed by the Referee and contain details (name and number) of all players cautioned or sent off. The Home school is responsible for the prompt delivery of Match Report Sheets to the Convener.
16. Any player accumulating three cautions shall automatically be suspended for the next competition match.
17. Inquiries in case of any player sent off the field shall take place prior to the next game in which the school concerned is engaged. In the instance of a player receiving two yellow cards in a GPS competition game resulting in a send off that the player receives an automatic one game suspension. This suspension is effective for the next GPS competition game.
18. All members of 1st and 2nd XI must wear numbers.
19. If two or more schools tie in premiership points they shall not play off but shall be bracketed equal. The team or teams finishing on top of the competition points table shall be called Premiers. A school winning all its matches and becoming sole premiers shall be styled Champions.
20. Badges shall be given each year to all Premiers or Champions in First Grade Football.
21. Combined teams shall be selected by the Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of the Convener immediately following the completion of the Final Round of Competition.

AAGPS FOOTBALL RULES

1. Age teams in Football are to be organised solely on an age basis (age is determined by the age you turn during that year). Schools should ensure that teams within an Age Division are graded properly.
2. Where a member of a team other than 1st and 2nd XI is sent from the field, a player's own school will deal with the suspension, and that suspension is to be for at least one week. Where a boy from a visiting team has been dismissed a report of the incident, including the referee's report, must be sent to the visiting school to enable any action to be taken with full knowledge of both schools.
3. All teams other than 1st and 2nd XI play the interchange rule. A system of no more than five interchange players with unlimited number of interchanges will be permitted. In non-competitive matches injured players may be replaced throughout the whole match. Replacement players must not be from a higher grade or group.
The procedure is:
 - (i) Any interchange must occur from the halfway line.
 - (ii) Any interchange must occur during a break in play.
 - (iii) Any interchange must have the referee's approval.
4. In non-competition matches injured players may be replaced throughout the whole match. Replacement players must not be injured from a higher grade or group.
5. For all teams other than 1st and 2nd XI no time will be added when play is stopped due to injury.
6. The home school shall provide the match ball.
7. In non-competition matches the home school shall provide suitably qualified and attired referees and linesmen. Provided that the linesmen are qualified referees, the referee for the match shall be empowered to use them as neutral linesmen, in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.
8. Coaches should not coach from the side line during matches.
9. Coaches should not normally go onto the field to attend injured players if there is first Aid assistance available and should not use this as an opportunity to coach players.
10. Schools should inform Sportsmasters of the arrangements for First Aid at their grounds when confirming the fixtures list.
11. Matches shall, as far as possible, be played in accordance with:
 - a) the Laws of Football as authorised by the International Football Association Board (IFAB);
 - b) the Code of Ethics of the New South Wales Secondary Schools Football Association; and
 - c) GPS Code of Behaviour (as published by the GPS Headmasters).