



## PUKENUI SCHOOL : SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

### CONDUCT Code for PARENTS

I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.

I will encourage all Pukenui children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will teach all Pukenui children that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that all Pukenui children will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.

I will make all Pukenui children feel like winners every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.

I will never ridicule, put down or yell at any child or team for making a mistake or losing a game.

I will remember that children learn better by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.

I will never question the officials' judgement or honesty in public or in an inappropriate way.

I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sports.

I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give up their time to coach a sport for my child.

### CONDUCT Code for SPECTATORS

I will remember that participants play sport for their enjoyment. They are not playing sport to entertain me.

I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.

I will respect the coaches, umpires and other officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.

I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during the game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.

I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval at an appropriate time and place and in an appropriate manner to coaches and officials.

I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them, there would be no game.

I will not use bad language nor will I harass players, coaches, officials and other spectators.



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### CONDUCT Code for PLAYERS

- I will play by the rules of sport, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper –fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything—that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important. Sharing is caring.
- I will acknowledge and encourage all good plays and performances —those of my team and my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches, umpires and officials are there to help me. I will respect their decision and show them respect.
- I will respect my captain’s decisions.
- I will attend training and games as scheduled. If I cannot attend either of these I will inform my coach ahead of time.

### CONDUCT Code for COACHES

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, my team players, umpires, officials and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves. I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players ages and abilities.
- I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.