# PSSA Code of Conduct – 2014

To participate in PSSA activities, students, parents, and coaches must be aware of the Codes of Conduct. Please read the following Codes of Behaviour and sign where necessary. Return your form to your coach where they will sign it after viewing your signature. Players cannot play until codes of conduct are signed by both student and parent.

## Codes of Behaviour – Coach

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Be responsible in your demands on players time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Allow everyone a fair chance for participation despite ability and skill level.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Help young people understand the differences between P.S.S.A and professional sport.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development. Read and use the latest caching and teaching resources for junior sport.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Codes of Behaviour – Player

- At school, players will adhere to Werrington Public School rules. Be safe/Be respectful/Be a Learner.
- Players must keep a high attendance rate.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or teacher approach the official during a break or after a competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviours in P.S.S.A.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good players whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your teacher, eam mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents or coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Code of Behaviour – Parent

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or loosing a competition.
- Remember that children learn the best way by example/ Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Respect officials’ decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for teacher/coaches. Without them your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.