

Dear parents/carers,

Your child has been selected by their school to take part in an ATSA event. As adults, we have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at these events. Children's sport is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Therefore the following code of conduct should be adhered to ensure that the event can take place in a safe positive environment:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS AND PARENTS/CARERS

- *Remember that children play for FUN.
- *Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- *Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- *Remain outside the field of play.
- *Let the coach do their job and do not confuse players by telling them what to do (especially at half times).
- *Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.
- *Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- *Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

If your behaviour compromises the above code, then the following will take place:

- *In the first instance, you will be issued with a verbal warning.
- *Should behaviour persist (on the same night) then you will be asked to leave the venue.

We hope that this does not happen, however, we have a responsibility to all the children from all the schools and we will not allow any behaviour to spoil things. I am sure that you will enjoy watching your child take part in Competitions against other schools and I wish them every success. Should you have any questions about the code of conduct, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the email address at the head of this letter.

Yours truly,



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