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Amberfield College Sport Code of Conduct

It is a privilege and an honour to be associated with Amberfield College Sport and, as a representative of our school, you are reminded that your behaviour should always be aligned to the values of the school. You should behave in such a manner that you do not bring the name of your school, management, parents, and our teams, into disrepute.

Players

We appeal to you 'The Player' to have high regard for discipline and the Code of Conduct of the school.

Players must:

- 1. Commit to the sport / team for the duration of the season;
- 2. Be punctual for practices, fixtures, and meetings, including those held during examinations and test weeks;
- **3.** Be present at practices or matches and provide a valid excuse if they can not be present;
- 4. Display impeccable behavior, on and off the field;
- **5.** Be neat and presentable at all times;
- **6.** Not swear or use foul language on the sport field;
- 7. Support positively from the stands as well as on the field of play;
- **8.** Show respect for the referee's decisions at all times, even when not in agreement;
- Understand that a true sports person will not look for excuses if they have lost a match;
- **10.** Know that they will not be considered for the starting line-up if they have not attended practices without a valid reason; and
- 11. Accept that serious misconduct will lead to disciplinary action.

Parents/Spectators

We appeal to you 'The Parent' to have high regard for discipline and the Code of Conduct of the school.

As a Parent / Spectator I undertake to:

- 1. Always respect all officials, including coaches and referees;
- 2. Respect all parents and learners;
- **3.** Not ridicule anyone involved in a sporting event;
- 4. Not encourage violence with verbal or physical threats or comments;
- 5. Use positive and uplifting language;
- 6. I will not bring my child to a match when they are clearly ill and might be contagious.
- **7.** Accept defeat in good spirit;
- **8.** Give First Aiders a chance to treat my child before I intervene;
- **9.** Not give advice to my child or the coach during a match;
- 10. Let my child's interest level, not my own, drive their training and sport choices;
- **11.** Respect the team that has been selected, and not interfere with the selection process; and
- 12. Ensure that my child wears the right uniform and that he / she is equipped with the applicable gear.

Coaches/Team Managers

We appeal to you 'The coach/manager' to have high regard for discipline and the Code of Conduct of the school.

- 1. Every team that represents Amberfield College will have its own coach, who will either be a permanent staff member, or a private coach, specifically selected for their ability to coach that sport. A team manager or the Head of Sport will monitor Private Coaches.
- 2. All coaches and managers both on the staff of the school and private are accountable to the Head of Sport and the Executive Management of the school.
- 3. Sports coaches and team managers are expected to conform to ethical standards in a number of areas: humanity, relationships, commitment, cooperation, integrity, advertising, confidentiality, abuse of privilege, safety and competence.
- 4. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every learner. Coaches must treat all learners fairly and sensitively, within the context of their activity and ability.
- 5. Coaches are responsible for setting and monitoring the boundaries between a working relationship and friendship with their players. The coach must realize that certain situations, words, or actions might be misinterpreted by the players, outsiders or other members of the squad and could lead to allegations of misconduct or impropriety. Where physical contact between a coach and player is necessary as part of the coaching process, coaches must ensure that no action on their part could be misconstrued.
- 6. Coaches must not compromise their players by advocating measures that could constitute an unfair advantage. They must not advocate or condone the use of steroids, prohibited drugs or other banned performance-enhancing substances. Should a coach become suspicious or become aware that any of his/her players are making use of any of the above, he/she is duty-bound to inform the head of sport of these suspicions.

As a Coach / Team Manager, I undertake to:

- 1. Set a good example for players and spectators to follow;
- 2. Not have special preference to who is selected and that selection will be based on the set out criteria, merit and practice attendance of players;
- 3. Not be influenced by any parent's comments or instructions in terms of team selection or game plan;
- 4. Refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators;
- 5. Not use of profanity, obscene language or display any improper actions;
- 6. Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches before and after the match;
- 7. Respect the integrity and judgement of officials and treat them with respect (even if you disagree with their judgements).
- 8. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat;
- Accept responsibility for the conduct of my players and discourage inappropriate behavior in training, competition and away from the sports arena;
- 10. Project an image of health, cleanliness and functional efficiency;
- 11. Be on duty 24 hours a day whilst on tour and always remain fully accountable for the behavior of learners. Learners are not to be left unsupervised on tour. If the coaches must attend an official function without the players, one coach must remain with the players. Coaches will always be held accountable for their behavior and that of the learners; and
- **12.** Ensure that the use of social media is kept professional to protect our learners and our school.

Head of Sport

High School

Ms Ronel Hurn

Primary School

Mr Nico Liebenberg