



Sports Competition Code of Practice

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Introduction

Christ the King Catholic Collegiate (CtKCC) Multi-Academy Company (MAC) encourages the participation of all learners in a variety of sports and activities. Sports programmes in all Academies are designed to be fully inclusive. We want to provide opportunities at all levels of age and ability, involving either competition within the Academy or with other schools. CtKCC believes in the value of competitive sport and healthy competition.

CtKCC staff show a valuable commitment to sport and are timetabled to take teams for home and away matches.

The aim of this policy is to ensure competitors, parents and spectators are aware of the opportunities available to learners and how a positive attitude to sport should be encouraged by parents and spectators alike.

School Games

Level 2 (inter-school) leading to Level 3 events (county level).

Academies enter a number of level 2 events in a variety of sports. The winners of level 2 competitions progress to a county final. Children have to be proficient and confident for this to be a positive experience for them. There will be a selection process for these teams. However it is sometimes possible to enter a B team in to a level 2 competition (capacity issue). To maximise competitive opportunities for our children our policy is to enter a B team wherever possible.

Sports Association

St John Fisher Catholic College uses the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for all sporting activities. Please see [below](#).

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School is a member of the Stoke Town Primary Association. The association runs a number of competitions. The cross country, swimming and athletics lead on to a City wide competition so again there will be a selection process for these events. Other competitions are run on a standalone basis providing more opportunities for more children. Children from St Thomas Aquinas have previously been selected to compete at City level to represent Stoke Town, these children are selected by the organisers of the event and selection is based on outstanding performances.

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School is a member of the Stoke Town Primary Association. Sports teachers and coaches select the teams to compete in all Stoke Town competitions. The teams are formed through a selection process which is based on children's proficiency and confidence to compete. Wherever possible, a B team will also be selected to take part in competitions. If children are successful enough to progress to the City level, the same team which qualified will take part in the City competition. Children from St Teresa's have previously been selected to compete at City level to represent Stoke Town- these children are selected by the organisers of the event and selection is based on outstanding performances.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is affiliated with the Newcastle School Sports Association. The association runs a wide range of sporting events; St. Mary's endeavour to attend as many of these as possible. Our teams are selected based upon children's ability and confidence in the given sport. St. Mary's also enter a B team into some events. Success at a town event leads to the County Finals. In the case where a team progresses, the team that won the previous rounds shall be selected. A number of inter school events are organised throughout the year with a view to providing opportunities to children not selected in sports teams.

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School is a member of Newcastle Junior Sports Association affiliation. The association runs a number of competitions throughout the year. Some sports lead onto level three events following qualification from the level two tournaments. Teams are selected by the PE coordinator following trials held during the after-school club. B teams are represented in some level two tournaments where due to the number or willing participants we are able to submit two teams. B and C teams are also represented in the end of year 'Inclusive' tournament ran by the Newcastle Sports Association.

Our Lady and St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School is a member of Newcastle Junior Sports Federation. The association runs a number of competitions throughout the year. Due to the high number of sporting activities at level two and three the school has been accredited with the Sainsbury's Gold Sports Award. Competitive teams are selected by the specific sports coaches and sports leader, based on termly trials held throughout lunchtimes. In addition, the school enters year group specific events and one off competitions organised by sports providers.

House Competitions

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary school runs a number of house competitions throughout the year where, in some competitions e.g. superstars, all the children are involved. Sports Days are held for all key stages and are fully inclusive. All children take part in some of the Sports Day events.

The members of staff try to accommodate the needs of all children whilst conscious that some competitions are more suited to some children than others. The School has been awarded the

Platinum School Games Mark which recognises the schools endeavour to provide as many competitive opportunities as possible to all children.

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School holds annual sports day events for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, as well as Key Stage Two. The sports days are fully inclusive; each child takes part in all of the sports day events. Children from St Teresa's also attend Multi-Skills (KS2) and Change 4 Life (KS2) events which are regularly organised by Stoke South's School Games Organiser. These are aimed at children who have been identified as not attending after school sports' clubs or having low interest levels in PE lessons. **St Teresa's holds the Gold School Games Mark.**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School holds an annual sports day event for Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. All children participate in their house team for these events; the focus being on mass participation as well as a house competition. Additionally, St. Mary's holds an indoor sports day for KS2. Other events linked to sporting participation and organised on a key Stage basis include a 'Maths and PE day' and an 'Outdoor Learning day'. Children from St. Mary's attend Inclusion Sports organised by Newcastle Association; this event is aimed at providing opportunities for children who enjoy sport, but have not been selected in a competitive team. In addition to this, Multi-sports and Healthy Lifestyle clubs are offered as extra-curricular clubs during the year. **St. Mary's holds the Gold School Games Mark.**

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School hold 3 inter-house tournaments for all classes across the school; Dodgeball (Autumn term), Kwik Cricket (Spring Term) and Rounders (Summer Term). We also hold an annual sports day during Summer term for EYFS, Year One and Year Two. This is fully inclusive, allowing each child to take part in every event representing their house team. All children from St Wulstan's are given many opportunities to participate in a variety of extra curricula sports activities throughout the year including health and general activity related clubs. The School currently hold the **Gold School Games Mark.**

Our Lady and St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School holds one annual Sports day which covers all year groups in a range of competitive activities. Each child represents their house team and accumulated points are collected throughout the day.

The school currently holds the **Gold School Games Mark.**

Code of Conduct: Parents/ Spectators

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at all sports fixtures, to ensure sport can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

We would like you to:

- Accept the decisions made by staff in regard to attendance at practices and team selection.
- Respect the decisions made by staff in regard to tactics and substitutions.
- When watching an event, encourage the individual/team in a positive, non-critical manner.
- Not approach officials or event organisers for any reason.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning.
- Remember that children play for FUN.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian of:

Code of Conduct: Young Players / Competitors

As a participant you have an important role in ensuring that the event/competition/fixture takes place competitively, but safely.

When competing for my school or district, I will:

- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger.
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the officials, spectators or my teacher/coach/team manager.
- Do what the officials tell me, first time.
- Shake hands with opponents and officials at the end of the game.
- Listen to my teacher/coach/team manager and respect what they say.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or someone from my school if I'm unhappy about anything.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Code of Conduct: Teachers & Coaches

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the fixture including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the appropriate rules, regulations and laws of the game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Encourage each competitor to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the competitors' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Remember that children are taking part to have fun and to learn. All teaching points will be made in a positive and encouraging manner.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Newcastle School Sports Association¹

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Code of Conduct: Young Players / Competitors

It is important that everyone behaves themselves when competing in sporting activities organised by the Newcastle School Sports Association.

As a participant, you have an important role in ensuring that the event/competition/fixture takes place competitively, but safely.

When competing for my school or district, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the officials, spectators or my teacher/coach/team manager.
- Never use foul or abusive language to other competitors, officials or spectators
- Never use violent conduct to other competitors, official or spectators
- Do what the officials tell me, first time.
- Shake hands with opponents and officials at the end of the game.
- Listen to my teacher/coach/team manager and respect what they say.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or someone from my school if I'm unhappy about anything

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken against me by my school and or Newcastle School Sports Association.

Code of Conduct: Sanctions

- **Foul and abusive language towards players/officials/staff/spectators**
 - The offending participant will be removed from the game/competition/event for the remainder of the activity. In team sports, the offending player can be replaced by a substitute
 - Depending on the extent of the actions of the participant involved, further sanctions may be given by the participants school
- **Violent conduct towards players/officials/staff/spectators**
 - Participant will be sent off from the game/competition/event for the remainder of the activity
 - Depending on the extent of the actions of the participant involved, further sanctions may be given by the participants school

¹ The Code of Conducts are only applicable to St John Fisher Catholic College

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Code of Conduct: Spectators

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at all Newcastle School Sports Association fixtures to ensure sport can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Play your part and observe this Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

We would like you to:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Let the teachers/coaches do their job and not confuse the competitors by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken against me by my child's school or Newcastle School Sports Association.

Code of Conduct: Sanctions

- Spectators may be asked to leave the premises should a member of staff present deem their conduct to be inappropriate for a school sport fixture
- Additional sanctions may be given if the incident is deemed serious. These sanctions will be discussed determined by the N4 Group (Newcastle & Kidsgrove Headteachers)

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Code of Conduct: Teachers & Coaches

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for teachers, coaches, team managers and match officials at all times.

I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the fixture including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the appropriate rules, regulations and laws of the game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Ensure that the participants under my supervision are aware of the Code of Conduct for players and encourage them to adhere to it throughout the fixture
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the match official's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Support the Newcastle School Sports Association and N4 Group in any investigation and disciplinary action against a participant, spectator or official

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each competitor above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of competitors and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all competitors understand these expectations.
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every competitor to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each competitor to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the competitors' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others outside and within Newcastle School Sports Association (e.g. teachers, match officials, doctors, physiotherapists) for each competitor's best interests.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by Newcastle School Sports Association.

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Code of Conduct: Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in school sport. The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved - both on the pitch and on the side-lines.

Play your part and observe the Newcastle School Sports Association Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

When officiating I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match.
- Apply the competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Support my match official colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the fixture.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every fixture.
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by Newcastle School Sports Association.