



## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR COACHES AND ATHLETES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

In light of the fact that interscholastic athletics is an enriching aspect of the total school program, it is crucial that the positive values of human interaction be encouraged. Cross-sport consistency in all Peel District Elementary Schools is a priority. All athletes and coaches are expected to uphold the highest ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

Respect must be shown to teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators. The following behaviors will not be tolerated in practices, in travel, or at competitions:

1. Obscene language
2. Gestures viewed as disrespectful, aggressive, or violent
3. Insulting the opposition, "trash talk"

All members of a team including coaches and managers are to refrain from smoking while attending Peel District Elementary School events.

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that the Code of Behaviour is followed for the enjoyment of all participants and spectators. The coach shall be a positive role model.

Any person who has a concern regarding behaviour in an athletic match is asked to notify the appropriate ETPHEA, SPESPHEA, or NPPHEA executive.

### **NPPHEA SPESPHEA REGULATIONS ATHLETE AND COACHES BEHAVIOUR**

#### **Section I – Coaching**

- a) School teams shall at all times be under the supervision of an approved staff member of the school which they represent, prior to, during and after the completion of the competition and until all of the team has left the site.
- b) All head coaches must be approved members of the school staff. Non-staff may help in coaching under the direction of the head coach. Ejection of any coaching personnel results in forfeiture of the game and/or match.
- c) While NPPHEA and SPESPHEA prefer that staff members act as coaches, the head coach may choose to use a non-staff member to act as assistant coaches (also known as "community coaches"). To ensure that administration approval has been given and that a criminal records

check has been done, the names of school approved "community" coaches must appear on the eligibility list and game sheet (if applicable).

d) Head coaches are responsible for providing the first and last name of each competitor, in addition to the shirt number on game sheets (if applicable).

e) All individuals in the bench area must appear on the eligibility list and the game sheet (if applicable). Should the name of any person in the bench area/surrounding area be found to not be on the eligibility list and/or game sheet (if applicable) the following is to occur:

i) during the competition the non approved individual is to be removed from the bench/surrounding area

ii) infractions should be reported to NPPHEA / SPESPHEA executive by any coach for review.

## **Section II – Deportment**

Team personnel who are guilty of criticizing game officials, whether the criticism is in person or in public, or who are guilty of unsportsmanlike behaviour, are open to censure from the Association, and are accountable to the Association for their actions. An official is empowered to report any misconduct on the part of a player or coach to the appropriate NPPHEA or SPESPHEA executive.

Any incident involving team personnel who assaults (verbal, physical, or gestures) another team member or an official at a NPPHEA or SPESPHEA competition, will be referred to the appropriate executive for review. The individual will be suspended from all further NPPHEA or SPESPHEA competition until such time as a final decision has been made by the executive. Any ejection from a NPPHEA or SPESPHEA competition will be reviewed by the appropriate NPPHEA or SPESPHEA executive and may result in a suspension from further NPPHEA or SPESPHEA activity.

## **Section III - Code of Behavior**

a) It is the responsibility of all member schools, coaches, and athletes to uphold the integrity of the Code of Behavior

b) The Code of Behavior will be included on the reverse of the Eligibility List. All athletes listed on the eligibility list must initial to indicate acknowledgement of the Code of Behavior.

c) All members of a team including coaches and managers are to refrain from smoking while attending NPPHEA and SPESPHEA events.

## **Section VI - Code of Behaviour for Spectators**

- a) Spectators are expected to adhere to the NPPHEA and SPESPHEA Code of Behaviour of Spectators.
- b) All banners, signs, or flags must be representative of the participating school and be positive in nature.
- c) Spectators are to refrain from smoking while attending NPPHEA and SPESPHEA events.

### **Section VIII - Reporting of Incidents**

Coaches who witness serious and/or violent incidents must report them using the Incident Report Form. Reports are to be submitted as soon as possible to the appropriate NPPHEA or SPESPHEA executive.