



KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS, COACHES AND PLAYERS.
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Dear King Edward VII Community

The Winter Season is now in full swing and to date we have had some wonderful fixtures against traditional schools and schools from out of Province.

I view sport at schools as an extension of the education of our young men and that it should reflect the values and ethos of all that we do at King Edward VII School. I am extremely proud of the achievements of our young men and even more proud of the fantastic effort put in by our school teachers and outside coaches. The support of our parents and Old Boys is in the main extremely positive. Many schools are envious of our RED ARMY!

There has, unfortunately become a growing trend over the last few years, at School Sports events, for spectators to become over involved in the game and at times lose the plot completely. These 'episodes', have on occasion caused great embarrassment to the schools concerned. **Sadly, we have had some isolated incidents of poor behaviour from our spectators, this season. There is a growing trend to shout out at the match officials!! And yes, some of our coaches have been guilty of the same. We must desist from this practice.**

I came across a code of conduct for parents some years ago and feel that it very clearly defines the roles of player, supporter and coach. I would ask that you read it carefully and take note of the role you are expected to play. King Edward VII School sets the benchmark in many different areas. I expect us to set the standards when it comes to our behaviour on the side of the field as well.

All the coaches welcome a friendly and constructive chat about their teams, but I do need to remind you of your supporters' role and that it is inappropriate and unacceptable to critically interfere with either the coach or the match officials.

Should any parent have any concerns about their sons sporting development then they need to direct their queries to Mr Eugene Marx, our Director of Sport.

Please also take note that all spectators must remain behind the demarcated areas and at no stage be closer than 2 meters to the edge of the field of play. At no stage, must a parent enter the field of play for any reason. I also encourage our parents to wear their supporters clothing at all our matches. As they say we like to paint the place red!!!



TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

PARENT	COACH	PLAYER
Set the example	Lead by example	Enjoyment and learn skills
Praise and support good play – both teams	Positively reinforce efforts of players	Applaud good play – own and opposition teams
No negative comments towards officials tolerated	Teach value of respect for officials and opposition	Respect officials, opponents and coaches
No negative comments, criticism or hostile shouting tolerated	Teach sportsmanship and fair play	Fair, play by rules and show good sportsmanship
Remain in designated areas alongside field	Instil discipline and work ethic that rewards dedication	Committed to practice by being on time & not missing practice/matches
No coaching from side-lines	Atmosphere of enjoyment for learning to occur	Work hard – for self & team
Coach’s selection is final. No discussions	Treat all players with equal attention	Commitment to team mates

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