



## **SAEF COMPETITORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

### ***Athletes Code of Behaviour***

- Be a good sport.
  - Participate for enjoyment.
  - Strive for personal excellence
  - Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
  - Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
  - Abide by the rules.
  - Cooperate with all officials.
  - Control your behaviour on and off the field.
  - Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

### ***Inappropriate Behaviour***

Examples: of inappropriate behaviour that is unacceptable includes:

- Having or consuming alcohol
- Having or using other illegal drugs or substances
- Sexual activities
- Sexual harassment
- Vandalism or other criminal offences
- Swearing or abusing others
- Physical violence towards others
- Harassment or vilification of others
- Violating the SAEF Accommodation Policy
- Violating team curfews
- Refusing to comply with instructions
- Poor sportsmanship or cheating
- Abuse to horses which is in contravention of the Animals Protection Act, 71 of 1962
- Cosmetic Surgery done to a Horse
- Contravention of the FEI Anti-Doping Rules

#### ***Team Managements' Code of Behaviour***

- Set a good example for your athletes.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills.
- Teach a wide range of team skills.
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the players involved.
- Teach your athletes to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games.
- Remove from the field of play any of your athletes whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.
- Support SAEF policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.
- No tour official of the opposite gender should enter the athletes change rooms until all athletes have completed changing.
- It is inappropriate for any official to be in a situation where the official is alone with any athleteer without the knowledge of the team management.
- Adhere to appropriate mandatory reporting requirements for student protection.

### ***Parents' Code of Behaviour***

- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous in your communication with athletes, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Support SAEF policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.

### ***Spectators' Code of Behaviour***

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember Competitors play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- □ Demonstrate respect for opposing athletes and their supporters.
- Support SEAF policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment

### ***Administrators' and Officials' Code of Behaviour***

- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and field of play are safe and match the needs and skill level of the competitors involved
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are available for **all** competitors.
- Ensure everyone involved, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate behaviour.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards children's sport

i) emphasise fun and enjoyment

ii) encourage both teams iii) set a good example

iv) encourage the pursuit of personal excellence

- Be consistent, courteous and helpful toward all participants.
- Use common sense to ensure that the 'spirit of the game' for competitors is not lost
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique, and that these officials are given the opportunity to improve their coaching and officiating.
- Distribute a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and take other positive steps to ensure people understand their responsibilities regarding fair play
- Support SAEF policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment