

OFSAA CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE 19 - OFSAA CODE OF CONDUCT

The spirit of any game is a fragile thing. If emphasized, it provides everything that anyone could want in terms of enjoyment, challenge and intrinsic value. If disregarded, the enjoyment and challenge are soon equated to winning alone, which dramatically diminishes the value of the game to the participant.

To play to the spirit of a game demands "character" which embodies a number of qualities. All are learned and there is no better medium in which to learn them than sport. To ignore this fact is to tamper with the future. The distinction between professional and school sport is clear. One is pure entertainment and the other is an education in values and the two do not blend.

It is not enough to simply read what is required by a code of conduct. It must be understood why each component is a part of the code.

CODE FOR PLAYERS

Play the game for the game's sake.

Be generous in winning.

Be graceful in losing.

Be fair at all times, no matter what the cost may be.

Be obedient to the rules.

Work for the good of the team.

Accept the decisions of the officials gracefully.

Trust in the honesty of your opponents.

Conduct yourself, at all times with honour and dignity.

Recognize and applaud honestly and wholeheartedly the efforts of your teammates or opponents regardless of colour, creed or race.