



Braeburn Schools

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Braeburn Group Sporting Etiquette

The aim of this document is not to micro manage every potential situation that you as PE teachers may come across rather, to give a broad framework in which you should use your professional judgement depending on age and ability of the relevant children.

Pupils

- Braeburn pupils should be dressed correctly for all lessons, sports coaching sessions and matches.
- Captain (or representative) greets arriving team.
- Never question the referee/umpire (Captain may ask for clarification though)
- Shake hands with all opposition and other coach/umpire at end of match.
- Play to the whistle (where appropriate) rather than look for a decision.
- Celebrate a goal/score without going wild and disrespecting the opposition.
- Be polite and respectful regardless of winning or losing.

Staff/Coaches

- Braeburn staff should be dressed in a branded shirt for matches, be punctual and professional at all times.
- Teach children that the referee/umpire's decision is final.
- Do not argue with another official in front of pupils.
- Wait until half time/full time to raise issues with referee/umpire.
- Do not shout negative comments about referees/umpires.

- If there are safety concerns - bring team off and inform Head as soon as is practical.
- Referee/umpire honestly with integrity.
- Keep all comments positive when giving help/advice to players on the pitch. Give more for younger teams and a great deal less coaching during play for older teams.

Parents

- Encourage their children to play by the rules and explain that their effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Be positive with their children and, if necessary, turn defeat into victory by helping their child work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude.
- Never ridicule or shout at their, or any other, child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Children learn best by example.
- Applaud good play by their child's team and by members of the opposing team equally.
- Avoid publicly questioning the official's judgement and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of coaches. They give their time and resources to provide guidance for your child.
- Try not to re-live their own playing days through their children.
- Emphasise enjoyment, fun and praise, and reinforce effort and improvement.
- Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.

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