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## GLENDOWER CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & SPECTATORS AT SPORTING FIXTURES

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Taken from the IAPS Code of Practice for Parents and Spectators

Sport is a very important element of life at Glendower. It is participated in and enjoyed by large numbers girls of all ages and abilities. This code of conduct aims to ensure that this enjoyment and participation remain at the heart of all our sport.

### Parents / Spectators

Remember that children develop at different rates and react differently to the same pressures.

1. Don't force an unwilling child to participate in sport; he or she is not playing to satisfy your ambitions.
2. Children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment and not yours.
3. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude. Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by members of all teams not just your own. Show respect for your team's opponents, without them there would be no game.
7. Do not question publicly the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
9. Recognise the value and importance of teachers/coaches. Allow them to decide what is best. They give their time, energy and experience to provide guidance for your child.
10. Set an example by being friendly to the opposition parents.
11. Emphasise enjoyment and fun. Praise and reinforce effort and improvement.
12. Be aware of the physical demands that sport places on your child. Participation in both school and club matches may be too much for some individuals. Priority should be given to playing for the school.
13. Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.