



ROCKHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS

RUGBY LEAGUE

CODES OF CONDUCT

These Codes of Conduct are to be copied and distributed by Team Coaches/Managers to all parents, supporters, spectators, administrators and players in your team. The Codes of Conduct will be enforced and any breaches will be dealt with by the RPSRL and School Principals. All breaches of the Codes of Conduct must be reported to Paul Fogwell at Frenchville SS on 49 315 333.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- * Encourage children to participate, if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her.
- * Focus upon the child's efforts an emphasis on winning.
- * Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- * Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- * Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- * Remember that children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- * Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- * If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- * Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- * Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- * Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender.

SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- * Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- * Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- * Respect the official's decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- * Never ridicule or scold a child making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- * Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- * Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- * Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
- * Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- * Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender.

Consequences for parent / spectator breaches of this code

Team coaches or officials may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, and calling police to intervene where necessary. The RPSRL is responsible for imposing longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code.

Parents and spectators should also note that where fixtures are held on State school premises, the offence provisions under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA) apply and offenders' actions may be referred to police for action.

Parents and spectators should note that it is an offence to insult (meaning "to treat insolently or with contemptuous rudeness, to abuse") an officer of a state educational institution in the presence or hearing of students – s.333(2)(b) Wilful Disturbance, of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA). Breaches of this section of the EGPA may result in a complaint being made to police.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- * Play by the Official Rules of your sport.
- * Never argue with an Official. If you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- * Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- * Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- * Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team.
- * Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- * Cooperate with your coach, manager, team-mates, officials and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- * Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.
- * Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender.

Consequences for student breaches of this code

Team coaches or officials may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not playing remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parents' cost. The RPSRL is responsible for imposing longer term consequences, if necessary.

Furthermore, the RPSRL may provide a report to your school and you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA).

Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

PARENT / STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all Parents/Guardians to read through these Codes of Conduct with their child/children. It is essential that all players, parents and spectators have read and understood these Codes of Conduct. The Rockhampton Primary Schools Rugby League will enforce these Codes of Conduct and will act upon any breaches of these Codes.

It is the responsibility of schools competing in competitions run by the Rockhampton Primary Schools Rugby League and its governing bodies, to ensure that all parents, spectators and players receive a copy of the Codes of Conduct and Parent Consent and that these documents are signed and returned to school

Please sign the Parent Consent Form, Parental Agreement for Public Release of Photographs, Student's Agreement to the Codes of Conduct forms and Medical and Mouthguard Permission as attached and return to your school before your child participates in any games of Primary School Rugby League.

PARENT CONSENT FORM

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter _____
Given Name Surname

to participate in any competition conducted under the auspices of, or participated in by, the Queensland Schools 10-12yrs Rugby League Management Committee or any affiliated Management Committee, including the Rockhampton Primary Schools Rugby League during the year 2021; I hereby give my permission for him/her to use such known forms of transport, including air transport, for such travelling as may be deemed necessary.

I agree that, during the period/s of the aforesaid competitions in which my son/daughter participates, and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary, my son/daughter shall be under the sole direction of the person/s duly appointed in charge of the squad/s and/or team/s in which he/she is included.

I agree to meet the costs associated with participation in the competition. I also agree to meet additional costs for any illness, injury, ambulance costs where necessary, accident, or unforeseen circumstances which may occur during the periods of the activities in which my son/daughter participates and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary. I also understand that mouthguards should be worn by participants.

I have read the Codes of Conduct, understand their contents and conditions, and accept the parental responsibilities contained therein.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Printed Name: _____

PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed/filmed by the media/school for possible public release including use on social media.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

STUDENT'S AGREEMENT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I _____ have read and understand the Team Members' Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its conditions.
Student's Name

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Student

PARENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE CODES OF CONDUCT

I support my sons/daughters agreement to abide by the Players Code of Conduct and have read and understand the Parents and Spectators Codes of Conduct and agree to abide by their conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Caregiver



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Mouthguard Policy

Mandatory mouthguard policy for all registered players applicable during 'on field' activities including training and games.

Introduction

Every year thousands of people are treated for dental injuries that could have been avoided by wearing a protective mouthguard. Wearing a mouthguard helps to absorb and spread the impact of a blow to the face, which may otherwise result in an injury to the mouth or jaw.

Dental injuries can result in time off school or work to recover, can be painful and disfiguring, may involve lengthy and complex dental treatment. The cost of an injury to the teeth or jaw far exceeds the cost of a mouthguard.

Types of Mouthguards

Custom-fitted mouthguards

Custom fitted mouthguards are superior to over the counter mouthguards and are made from a dental impression and a plaster model of the teeth. They provide the best protection fit and comfort for all levels of sport.

Over-the-counter (boil and bite) mouthguards

These mouthguards include stock mouthguards that do not require fitting, and mouthguards that can be placed in hot water and then self-fitted by biting into them. These offer less protection and can dislodge more easily during play.

The Mouthguard Policy

Considering the safety and protection benefits presented by mouthguards, the Rockhampton Primary Schools Rugby League committee have voted unanimously to instigate a mouthguard policy with immediate effect.

- Mouthguards are mandatory and are required to be worn by all players during training and games.
- RPSRL will operate a strict 'No Mouthguard, No Play' policy without exception.
- Coaches and Managers will be directed to actively check all players for compliance and remove non-complying players from training or game environments until such time as they comply.

RPSRL's priority is to deliver the highest standards of safety on and off the field at all times. This policy is implemented as part of this objective.

By permitting your child to participate in a RPSRL activity you agree to abide by this policy.

Paul Fogwell
RPSRL President

Mouthguard Policy

Surname		
Given Name		Male / Female (Please circle)

As it is now a mandatory requirement for students to wear mouthguards for the above listed sporting activities, the Department of Education strongly recommends that students wear custom-fitted mouthguards. Attached are some usual documents with recommendations on the type/style of mouthguard required.

Students with a medical condition that may impact on their safety during participation in this activity must be cleared by a medical practitioner to participate in this activity. A medical certificate **relating to the wearing of mouthguards** (on official letterhead) **must be supplied** with this form to guarantee your child's participation in this activity.

I understand that mouth protection is mandatory in this sport. I have read the information provided to me about mouth protection and accept responsibility for the type of mouth protection I/my child will wear whilst playing this sport.	
(sign below)	(sign below)
..... Parent/Guardian Student