

Darling Downs School Sport Board - 2026

CODE OF CONDUCT (Students, Parents & Spectators)

The following code of conduct highlights the level of expected behaviour of students, parents and spectators when participating in / attending Queensland School Sport (QSS) events. Consequences for not honouring this code of conduct are listed in the boxed sections. Please ensure that you have read and understand this code prior to participating in / attending Queensland School Sport (QSS) events. Further information is available by contacting the Darling Downs School Sports Office ☎ 4617 8392. ***Please be aware that ignorance of the contents of this Code will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach.***

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS - 2026

As a team member

- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Never argue with the Judge's, Referee's or Umpire's decision.
- Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport. Encourage and support your own team members.
- Show respect for yourself, your team mates, officials, your opponents and their skills.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.
- Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of any illegal substances and substance abuse is strictly forbidden.
- Entering or remaining upon restricted licensed premises unless under the supervision of team officials or billeting parents is strictly forbidden.
- Going to bed at a reasonable hour will assist your own and your team's performance.
- Wear the official team uniform at all times, as directed by team management/officials.
- Check-in and check-out with team management/officials each day.
- Stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when you are not competing.
- Follow all directions of team management/officials.
- Ensure that you have telephone numbers of team managers with you at all times that you are not with the team.

As a guest in motels, colleges, dormitories, caravan parks, surf clubs etc.

- Check for any damage to premises on arrival and notify your team official.
- Keep your room tidy – make your own bed, help with chores.
- Do not leave the accommodation area without permission from the team manager.
- Be aware of which teacher is on supervision duty.
- Know where your team officials are staying.
- Where toilets/shower/laundry facilities are away from sleeping areas, it is advisable to attend in pairs.
- Mixed sharing of rooms is not permitted.

Refer to back of form for more information

Consequences for breaches of this code by students

Team managers 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. Darling Downs School Sports Board is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences to your future participation in QSS events.

Students may be notified orally or in writing of a temporary ban from participating or attending QSS fixtures until formal processes are conducted by the Darling Downs School Sports Board to determine complaints under this Code. Students will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any discipline under the EGPA.

Furthermore, Darling Downs School Sport Board may provide a report to your school about your conduct and, as a school representative, you may be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA).

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND SPECTATORS'

Parent/Guardians' Code of Conduct

- Cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for your child
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, 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 School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.

Spectators' Code of Conduct

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour at QSS events.
- Remember children play for enjoyment. Please don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Support our policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.

Consequences for breaches of this code by parents / spectators

Team managers and event organisers 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. Darling Downs School Sport Board is responsible for imposing any longer term consequences such as written warnings, or barring attendance at future events for a period or indefinitely.

Parents and spectators may be notified orally or in writing of a temporary ban from attending QSS fixtures until formal processes are conducted by the Darling Downs School Sport Board to determine complaints under this Code. Parents and spectators will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code.

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.