



Highnam C of E Primary Academy

School Sport Teams Selection Policy

Our school teams have a proud and distinguished record of regular and successful participation in inter-school competitive sports tournaments. Many of these are organised locally by Newent School, Youth Sports Trust and by the Gloucester Primary Schools' Football Association.

Most representative school teams, competitions and mini-tournaments involve pupils from Years 5 & 6 although at times pupils may also be selected from Years 3 and 4. With regard to team selection our policy, as an inclusive school, will be to ensure that every child is able to participate in intra-school house competitions and B team matches will also be organised. However for league matches and other high profile events pupils with particular sporting skills will be selected.

Within some sports, there are a restricted number of fixtures and consequently opportunities for all children to have the chance to represent school can be limited. We take into consideration many factors when selecting and we appreciate your support in trusting and understanding that we will try to be as fair as possible in the selection process. If you have any questions regarding selection, you should see your child's class teacher.

Our School's Sport Teams Code of Conduct is reproduced below for pupils' and parents' information.

Code of Conduct

1 Play Fair

Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair Play always has its reward, even when the game is lost. Playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested. Remember: It's only a game and games are pointless unless played fairly.

2 Observe the Laws of the Game

All games need rules to guide them. Without rules, there would be chaos. The rules of the game are simple and easy to learn. Make an effort to learn them, so you understand the game better. This makes you a better player. It is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch. By sticking to the rules, you will enjoy the game more.

3 Respect Opponents, Teammates, Referees, Officials and Spectators

Fair Play means respect. Without opponents there can be no game. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected. Your team mates are your colleagues. You form a team in which all members are equal. Referees, umpires and match officials are there to maintain discipline and Fair Play. Always accept their decisions respectfully without arguing, and help them to help you enjoy the game more. Spectators give the game atmosphere. They want to see the game played fairly, but must also behave fairly themselves. Spectators should also applaud the efforts of both teams which will be consistent with the referee's approach.

4 Accept Defeat with Dignity

Nobody wins all the time. You win some, you lose some. Learn to lose graciously. Don't seek excuses for defeat. Genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Don't blame the referee or anyone else. Determine to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.