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Victorian Interschools Events and Programs Code of Conduct

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1 Victorian Interschools Events and Programs Code of Conduct Introduction

This Code of Conduct has been developed to help everyone involved in Interschools events and programs to promote fair competition and appropriate behavior. There are codes of conduct for competitors, parents & spectators, school snow sports coordinators, teachers, team managers, coaches, administrators, officials and the media.

All participants involved in Interschools, particularly competitors and school students, should be aware that this Code of Conduct applies not only to official Interschools, races, programmes, ceremonies and activities but also to the general conduct of participants during the entirety of the Interschool Snowsports Championships. This clause will be interpreted broadly by the Victorian Interschools Committee.

By participating in Interschools events and programs, it is understood those involved accept responsibility for complying with the Alpine Responsibility Code and the Interschools Code of Conduct detailed below. Participants also agree to accept the consequences of any breach of these codes. These may include, depending on the nature and severity of the breach:

- Disqualification from an event of an individual, team or school.
- Loss of competition points.
- Rejection of future entries of an individual, team or school.
- Confiscation of lift passes

The Alpine Responsibility Code and Interschools Code of Conduct will be made available via the Interschools website to all those involved in Interschools events and programs.

2 Alpine Responsibility Code

YOUR ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

There are inherent risks in all snow recreational activities. Common sense, staying in control and personal awareness can reduce these risks. Risks include rapid changes in weather, visibility and surface conditions, as well as natural and artificial hazards such as rocks, trees, stumps, vehicles, lift towers, snow fences and snowmaking equipment. Observe the code and ski and ride with courtesy to others.

1. Stay in control and avoid other people and hazards.
2. Use appropriate protective equipment, especially helmets, to minimise the risk of injury.
3. You must have the ability to use each lift safely. If in doubt ask the lift attendant.
4. Obey all signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails and areas.
5. It is your responsibility to avoid and give way to people below and beside you.
6. Do not stop where you are not visible from above or where you obstruct a trail.
7. Before starting downhill, or merging into a trail, look uphill and give way to others.
8. Use care to prevent runaway snowboards.
9. If you are involved in or see an accident, alert and identify yourself to Resort Staff.
10. Be aware that it is dangerous to ski, board or ride lifts if your ability is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

**KNOW THE CODE.
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Failure to observe the code may result in cancellation
of your ticket or pass by Resort Staff.**



3 Competitors' Code of Conduct

- 3.1 Remember that participation in sports is a privilege, not a right, and that you are expected to represent your school, coach and team-mates with honour and dignity at all times.
- 3.2 Respect all the support people involved with Interschools events that enable the event to occur. These include but are not limited to: mountain, shop and lodge staff.
- 3.3 Participate and compete by the rules of the event.
- 3.4 If you disagree with an official, have your snowsports coordinator approach the Chief of Race who will pursue an acceptable resolution.
- 3.5 Control your behavior on and off the slopes. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging or intimidating other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behavior at any event – treat others, as you like to be treated
- 3.6 Value and respect honest effort. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your school team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you.
- 3.7 Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances, regardless of which team they represent.
- 3.8 Cooperate with your school, coach, team manager, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 3.9 Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, coaches and teachers.
- 3.10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 3.11 Show consideration for the mountain and other users. Respect the rules that resorts have put in place.
- 3.12 Your safety and those around you is at stake. Observe the Alpine Responsibility Code.

4 Parents' Code of Conduct

- 4.1 Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 4.2 Encourage children to participate, do not coerce them.
- 4.3 Provide positive focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 4.4 Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. If you disagree with an official, have your snowsports coordinator approach the Chief of Race who will pursue an acceptable resolution.
- 4.5 Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skills shown by all participants.
- 4.6 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from on and off field activities.
- 4.7 Respect the officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- 4.8 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every student regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 4.9 Show appreciation and be courteous to snowsports coordinators, parents, competitors, volunteer coaches, officials, team managers and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- 4.10 Respect all the support people involved with Interschools events that enable the event to occur. These include but are not limited to: mountain, shop and lodge staff.
- 4.11 Show consideration for the mountain and other users. Respect the rules that resorts have put in place.
- 4.12 Your safety and those around you is at stake. Observe the Alpine Responsibility Code.
- 4.13 Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- 4.14 Smoking near competitors and racecourses is not acceptable.

5 School Snow Sports Coordinators' & Teachers' Code of Conduct

- 5.1 Encourage and give opportunities to students so that they may participate and compete in a variety of snow sports.
- 5.2 Create opportunities to teach appropriate snow sports behavior and attitudes as well as basic skills.
- 5.3 Give priority to participation, enjoyment and skill learning, especially for early primary school children.
- 5.4 Provide opportunities for quality supervision and instruction for students.
- 5.5 Prepare young people for the Interschools competition by teaching them basic skills, the rules of the competition, sportsmanship and the values of competition.
- 5.6 Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation in snow sport activities and being part of a school sporting team.
- 5.7 Teach your students to be friendly and courteous towards officials and opponents.
- 5.8 Help students understand the differences between the junior competitions in which they participate and elite snow sports.
- 5.9 Help students understand that competing by the rules is their responsibility.
- 5.10 Remove from competitions/race courses/programs any student whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- 5.11 Provide students with opportunities to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing of events, training and school teams as well as playing.
- 5.12 Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development. Read and use the latest coaching and teaching resources for junior sport.
- 5.13 Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- 5.14 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every student regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 5.15 Respect all the support people involved with Interschools events that enable the event to occur. These include but are not limited to: mountain, shop and lodge staff.
- 5.16 Show consideration for the mountain and other users. Respect the rules that resorts have put in place.
- 5.17 Your safety and those around you is at stake. Observe the Alpine Responsibility Code.
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6 Coaches' Code of Conduct

- 6.1 Remember that students participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- 6.2 Create opportunities to teach appropriate snow sports behavior and attitudes as well as basic skills.
- 6.3 Never ridicule or criticise at a student for making a mistake or not coming first.
- 6.4 Be reasonable in your demands on students' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- 6.5 Operate within the rules and spirit of Interschool and teach your students to do the same.
- 6.6 Ensure that the time students spend with you is a positive experience. All students are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- 6.7 Avoid overplaying the talented students; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- 6.8 Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all students.
- 6.9 Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved within snow sports. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, mountain staff, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your students to do the same.
- 6.10 Remember that children learn best by example. Show appreciation for good performances and skills shown by all participants.
- 6.11 Help students understand that competing by the rules is their responsibility.
- 6.12 Remove from competitions/race courses/programs any student whose behavior is not acceptable.
- 6.13 Show appropriate concern and caution toward sick and injured students. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured student is ready to recommence training or competition.
- 6.14 Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- 6.15 Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- 6.16 If you feel there is an issue to dispute, have your snow sports coordinator approach the Chief of Race who will pursue an acceptable resolution.
- 6.17 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every student regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 6.18 Show consideration for the mountain and other users. Respect the rules that resorts have put in place.
- 6.19 Your safety and those around you is at stake. Observe the Alpine Responsibility Code.
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7 Administrators' Code of Conduct

- 7.1 Give all students equal opportunities to participate.
- 7.2 Ensure that rules, equipment, racecourses and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of students.
- 7.3 Remember that students participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasise awards.
- 7.4 Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behavior and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- 7.5 Ensure that everyone involved in Interschool emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- 7.6 Be consistent, courteous and helpful towards all participants.
- 7.7 Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
- 7.8 Use common sense to ensure that overcalling violations does not lose the 'spirit of the competition' for children.
- 7.9 Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- 7.10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every student regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 7.11 Respect all the support people involved with Interschools events that enable the event to occur. These include but are not limited to: mountain, shop and lodge staff.
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8 Officials' Code of Conduct

- 8.1 Compliment and encourage all participants.
- 8.2 Remember that students participate for their enjoyment and benefit.
- 8.3 Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions towards all participants.
- 8.4 Promote respect for all opponents and sporting behavior.
- 8.5 Help students understand that competing by the rules is their responsibility.
- 8.6 Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- 8.7 Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
- 8.8 Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- 8.9 Give all participants a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
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9 Team Managers' Code of Conduct

- 9.1 Provide quality supervision and instructions for a small group of students.
- 9.2 Ensure that your team understands and follows the rules and procedures of Interschools events.
- 9.3 Ensure your team understands that competing by the rules is their responsibility.
- 9.4 Ensure your team is at the racecourse in plenty of time to complete course inspection and hear relevant instructions from officials.
- 9.5 Ensure your team acts with integrity, loyalty, sportsmanship and within the values of the Interschools competition.
- 9.6 Make your team aware of the positive benefits of participation in snow sport activities and being part of a school sporting team.
- 9.7 Ensure that you and your team are friendly and courteous towards snowsports coordinators, parents, officials, opponents and mountain staff.
- 9.8 If you disagree with an official, have your snow sports coordinator approach the Chief of Race who will pursue an acceptable resolution.
- 9.9 Help your team to understand the differences between the junior competitions in which they participate and elite snow sports.
- 9.10 Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
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11 Spectators' Code of Conduct

- 11.1 Remember that students participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- 11.2 Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance.
- 11.3 Respect the decisions of officials and encourage students to do the same.
- 11.4 Positive comments will be motivational for all participants.
- 11.5 Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, parents, officials or students.
- 11.6 Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 11.7 Encourage competitors to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- 11.8 Do not use unacceptable language, sledge or harass snow sports coordinators, competitors, teachers, team managers, coaches, parents or officials.
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12 Media Code of Conduct

- 12.1 Provide coverage of children's sport as well as reporting adult sport.
- 12.2 Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- 12.3 Be aware of the differences between adult sport, professional sport and modified sports programs for young people.
- 12.4 Don't highlight isolated incidents of inappropriate sporting behavior.
- 12.5 Focus upon a competitor's fair play and honest effort.
- 12.6 Do not place unfair expectations on participants. They are not miniature professionals.
- 12.7 Focus on the abilities and not the disabilities of participants.
- 12.8 Avoid reinforcing stereotypical views on the involvement of boys/girls in particular sports.
- 12.9 Give equal time and space to reporting boys and girls sports.
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