

NANAIMO ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

PHILOSOPHY:

The aim of N.E.T.P.E.A. is to provide opportunities for elementary-aged girls and boys to participate in quality extra-curricular sports programs throughout School District 68. The Association supports any organized sports programs that emphasize the development of healthy attitudes in a positive, enjoyable environment.

It is the responsibility of the coaches and sponsors to provide adequate supervision during all practices and games and to model appropriate attitudes and behaviours. Each coach should teach skills in a positive, supportive manner and be generous with praise and encouragement. The students should be taught respect for each other, the referees, and the coaches. An emphasis should be placed on co-operation, fair play, sportsmanship, safety, and general enjoyment of sports. A strong sense of team spirit, of representing one's school with honour, and of pride in one's contribution to any team sport should be paramount.

Finally, whether it be in the regular season or in the play-offs, participation, sportsmanship, and fair play should not be overlooked in the pursuit of success.

As a parent, you play a vital role in helping N.E.T.P.E.A. achieve these goals.

GUIDELINES

1. Keep comments positive and supportive.
2. Recognize and applaud good play by both teams.
3. Encourage your child to respect the referee's decision and rules interpretation through overt, appropriate modeling.
4. Discuss concerns with the coach discreetly and in a setting other than a game venue.
5. Appreciate that coaches, referees, and other officials are unpaid volunteers giving up their time to provide an opportunity for your child to participate.
6. Appreciate that in many cases, just like the players, coaches and officials are also learning their roles. Appreciate that mistakes will be an inevitable part of the learning curve for them all.
7. Understand the N.E.T.P.E.A. has adapted and simplified rules to make them more appropriate to the developmental level of elementary aged children. A good official will further modify interpretation to accommodate skill levels evident in specific games. Therefore, rules may appear different than those evident at other levels.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. That N.E.T.P.E.A. Philosophy and Guidelines for Parents be circulated for signature to parents and guardians of players prior to their participating on an elementary school team.
2. That the Philosophy and Guidelines for Parents be posted at a prominent location near activity venues (ie. gymnasium bulletin board)
3. That if a N.E.T.P.E.A. official encounters a situation where a parent or coach does not adhere to this Philosophy and Guidelines, that they request the offending party to leave or suspend play.

Please sign and return this to your son/daughter's coach prior to the first game of the season:

Student's Name: _____

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to follow the N.E.T.P.E.A. Philosophy and Guidelines for Parents as indicated in this handout.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Also, there may be times that your child's picture and/or name may be used in relation to their sporting event:

I understand that by reading/signing this form, I consent that my child's name, school name, and photo may be shared in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' publications as well as any news print, radio, TV, and social media. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dale Burgos, Director of Communications and Privacy at (250) 741-5273 or by email dale.burgos@sd68.bc.ca .

(Parent/Guardian Signature)