

BEHAVIOUR POLICY



EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDSTART

At **EDSTART**, we believe sport should be safe, fun, fair and inclusive for everyone. This behaviour policy helps everyone enjoy their time with us and be the best they can be.

Our EDSTART Values: We expect all children to show respect for coaches, teammates, equipment and venues, kindness to everyone at all times, effort by trying their best in every session, teamwork by helping and supporting others, honesty by playing fairly and positivity by encouraging themselves and others.

What We Expect From You: When you take part in **EDSTART** sessions you should listen carefully to your coach, follow instructions first time, use kind and positive language, play fairly and follow the rules, look after equipment, try your best even when something feels tricky, encourage your teammates and keep hands, feet and equipment to yourself unless the activity says otherwise.

What Is Not Acceptable: To keep everyone safe and happy we do not allow bullying, teasing or unkind behaviour, swearing or rude language, hurting others on purpose, ignoring instructions on purpose, damaging equipment or the venue, or disrupting activities so that others cannot learn.

Good Behaviour Is Always Recognised: When you show great behaviour you may receive verbal praise from your coach, stickers, certificates or rewards, Star of the Week awards, team celebrations and leadership roles such as helper, captain or equipment monitor.

If Someone Makes a Poor Choice: We know everyone makes mistakes sometimes. If behaviour is unsafe or unkind we will explain what needs to change, give a reminder and support, give time out to reflect if needed and speak to parents or school staff if poor behaviour continues. Serious behaviour that puts others at risk will be dealt with straight away and may result in removal from the session for safety.

Your Right to Feel Safe: At **EDSTART** every child has the right to feel safe, respected, included and able to enjoy sport without fear. If you ever feel worried, upset or unsafe you should speak to your coach straight away.

Our Promise to You: Your coaches will always treat you with fairness and respect, help you improve and feel confident, keep you safe at all times, listen to you and make sessions fun, active and inclusive.

Our EDSTART Pledge: I will try my best, be kind, respect others and enjoy my **EDSTART** session.