Dear Parents/Carers,

Although many interschool events are already behind us, the Glen Iris District still has a number of events to come included Senior Hoop Time, Athletics, Tennis along with district and regional finals for some schools in summer and winter sports. Therefore, it seems like an opportune time to ensure all members of our GIDSSA community are fully aware of our expectations, both on and off the playing arena.

We have attached a copy of the School Sport Victoria Codes of Behaviour policy by which each school, each team and every participant is bound. There is a code of behaviour for coaches, players and spectators. We do ask that you read through this document, as well as reading and discussing it with your child.

The Physical Education teachers within our district work hard to create a school sport environment rich with opportunities in many different sports for as many children as possible. We want to give our students exposure to many different sports so that they may develop a passion for at least one, which may lead to a lifelong involvement and love for that sport outside of school.

Parent support is welcomed and very much appreciated by all teachers. We do ask however, that when attending GIDSSA/SSV events, you keep in mind that the competition may not be akin to the weekend sport your child may play. In fact, at times it may be quite different for a number of reasons. This may be due to the modification of rules to promote inclusiveness, the best facilities may not be available due to local council constraints (over which we have little control), time constraints may affect results and unfortunately it is not always possible to conduct training sessions at school leading up to events. However we endeavour to provide your child with the best possible experience in their chosen school sport.

We also welcome constructive feedback. We do ask that this feedback be directed through your school Physical Education teacher who will then send it through to the district co-ordinators. It is our role to then seek clarification or pass on feedback to division and region co-ordinators. We ask that parents follow this protocol rather than contacting neighbouring schools directly, or organisations running events on behalf of our district.

On behalf of the GIDSSA Physical Education Teachers, thank you for your consideration of this information and we look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming GIDSSA events.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Bayes & Josh Brown
Glen Iris District Co-ordinators