

The National Standards for Youth Sports Philosophy

“Every youth should be given the opportunity to grow and develop in sports, have positive experiences and not be left out or behind.”

Principle 1: Place the Youth’s Interest Before Yours

Standard 1: Equal Opportunity

Every youth has an equal right and opportunity to play, regardless of ability, age, gender, race, economic status or any other social discriminator.

Standard 2: Safety

Every youth has the right to play in a safe and non-threatening environment, free of injury or abuse.

Standard 3: Proper Equipment

Every youth has the right to equipment that is in serviceable condition, suited for the task and purpose, and his/her age and ability.

Principle 2: Be a Role Model

Standard 4: Values

Every individual in youth sports must conduct him/herself in a manner that demonstrates the values of friendship, respect, excellence, sportsmanship and fair play.

Standard 5: Parental Involvement

Every parent or guardian must be pro-actively involved in their youth’s participation in sports.

Standard 6: Adequate Qualifications

Everyone who coaches or works in youth sports must be adequately trained and screened, with the relevant experiences and skills.

Principle 3: Have Fun, Winning Isn’t Everything

Standard 7: Positive Experiences

Every sporting opportunity must engage the youth and heighten their overall experiences.

Standard 8: Holistic Development

Every has the right to, and will be provided with holistic development in their sports participation.

Standard 9: No Harmful Substances

Every youth sports environment shall be free of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and any illegal performance enhancers.

Stakeholders

- Coaches and Sports Instructors
- Parents, Guardians and Educators
- Youth
- Sports Officials and Event/Competition Organisers
- Sports Managers and Administrators
- Media and Photographers
- Spectators and General Public
- Corporates and Organisations