



## **SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

## Pupils

- Work together to achieve your goals; teamwork is vital.
- Understand and respect the referees'/umpires' decisions, even if you do not agree with them. They will not change their mind.
- Respect your coach's decisions; they are the best-placed persons to make judgements regarding the team and/or event.
- Play for your own enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coaches.
- Learn to control your temper. Refrain from any verbal abuse and treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Play by the rules.
- Congratulate good play, especially from your team mates but also from opponents.

## Parents

- Respect the umpires'/referees' decisions, even if you feel they are wrong. The member of staff in charge of the match will intervene if they feel it is necessary.
- Respect the views of the member of staff in charge. They are the best person to judge the overall view of the team and I fully back each one of them.
- Staff are open to discussion, but this must be done at a suitable time and place away from other parents and pupils.
- Reward good play on both sides.
- Understand that it is not always about winning or losing. The overall development of the pupils and the team is equally important.
- Encourage the pupils to play by the rules.
- Never shout at or ridicule a pupil for making a mistake, but by all means encourage.
- Do not discuss the shortcomings of any pupil, parent or member of staff on the touchline.
- Help to create an atmosphere that the pupils enjoy playing in, therefore developing pride in their performance.
- Never enter the field of play unless invited by the referee/umpire or member of staff in charge of the match.

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