

## **Student code of conduct**

### ***Availability and Commitment***

Availability and commitment are considered equally important as attainment.

1. All team players are expected to give 100% by attending all practices and making themselves available for all matches. Irregular attendance at practices or repeated inability to play in matches will affect a player's subsequent selection. In the event of an inability to attend practice or a match, the expectation is that apology is made directly to the member of staff concerned.
2. If it is impossible to play in a fixture, the appropriate member of PE staff should be notified at the earliest convenience so that selection can be organised accordingly.
3. Fixture details will be sent to selected students and their parents/guardians on Edulink, with a hard copy for reference up on the PE notice board. It is important for team players to be organised and to take responsibility for their own time management as far as their sport is concerned. These are essential life skills, which also promote confidence and independence, and in turn help the school build well-prepared, successful teams and students. Parents are asked to refrain from phoning or emailing the school for information unless there are associated problems or queries, which can only be dealt with by contacting a member of staff. Players who rely too heavily on parental input may find it difficult in later years when their busy academic, social and extra-curricular lives become more complicated.
4. On the day of a match, it is the captain's responsibility to help ensure all the team members are present and fit to play. Absentees should be reported as soon as possible so that reserves and players 'on stand-by' can be alerted to make the necessary arrangements.
5. As per the school behaviour policy, poor attendance and behaviour around school could impact on a student's selection for fixtures; representing the school is a privilege and as such students should consider their behaviour around school as part of their commitment to school sport.

### ***Behaviour***

When playing in matches, students act as ambassadors of Bishop Stopford. As well as performing to a high standard it is expected that BSS players will behave in a polite and courteous manner at all times.

1. The Academy PE Department will not tolerate any of the following:
  - a. Negativity, on and/or off the court/pitch, which adversely affects others ;
  - b. Rude, offensive behaviour and/or comments directed to other players or members of staff;
  - c. Disputing the umpire's decisions, both verbally and non-verbally in a bad-mannered way;
  - d. Swearing;

2. Parents and spectators are kindly asked to support these principles and uphold the same standards as players. Please understand that members of PE staff and other umpires can easily hear loud, unpleasant or argumentative comments made on the side lines, which are neither helpful to individual players nor the team as a whole. Any BSS supporter who behaves in an objectionable way will be asked to leave the playing area and stay away from future matches.

### ***Procedures at the end of a fixture***

1. It is the Captain's responsibility to make sure the opposition, organisers and officials are always thanked at the end of a match or competition.
2. Students should help tidy the playing area where possible and wait to be dismissed by the member of staff in charge.
3. At away matches, BSS players who are being picked up from the venue must be given permission by the member of staff in charge once their parents have made their presence known to them.
4. When returning by coach/minibus from away matches, players must make the necessary arrangements to be collected promptly. It is strongly advised that students carry a mobile phone to maintain contact in case of last-minute changes or delays.
5. Students also have a responsibility to leave treat the minibus with respect and leave it clean and tidy for the next users.