

# Bishop Stopford School

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## Extra-Curricular 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 an apology is made directly to the member of staff concerned.
- 2 The Sports Fixture List on the school website should be used for advanced planning. 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 Team lists and match details will normally be posted on the PE Notice Board at least 2 days prior during the previous week where possible. Students are expected to read the notice boards regularly and take home all information pertaining to their fixture. 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 will inevitably find it difficult later on 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 make sure 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.

### **Behaviour**

When playing in matches, students act as ambassadors of the school. As well as performing to their best, it is expected that BSS players will behave in a polite and courteous manner at all times.

- 1 The School 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 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 umpires are always thanked at the end of a match or competition.
- 2 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.
- 3 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. It is unacceptable for PE staff to be kept waiting for long periods and parents who are persistently late collecting their students jeopardise their future selection.