Code of Conduct in Extra-Curricular Sport Activities

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Introduction

At Testwood School, sporting opportunities are an important part of a fully balanced educational programme for students. Through the commitment of staff and coaches on and off the curriculum students will develop physically, emotionally, socially, morally and spiritually. Through the experienced offered and gained through these sporting opportunities, an appreciation for the need of co-operation, commitment and consideration for others will be developed. This can be utilised in all aspects of their lives.

This Code of Conduct will ensure that sporting opportunities are performed in the spirit in which intended over the pursuit of victory. The Code of Conduct has been created for teachers, coaches, official, students, parents and spectators.

Players

- Will communicate early if they are unable to attend a fixture.
- Follow Testwood School Behaviour policy.
- Follow staff invitations to play and will manage positioning during a game.
- Remove all jewellery and long hair must be tied up.
- Respect the official's decision and rules of the game.
- Treat people fairly and with respect, regardless of race, background, religious beliefs or gender.
- Do not criticise others by words or gestures.
- Respect the facility and equipment being used.
- Be a good sport and applaud fair play.
- Are competitive but not to the detriment of positive behaviour and discipline.

Testwood Staff / Coaches

- Will display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Will follow school behaviour policies during extra-curricular and at competition events.
- Will teach players the rules and that they are enforced for their own safety. They should be respected at all times.
- Will promote an attitude of disciplined sporting values and respect.
- Will ensure that players respect the ability of their opponents and the judgement of match officials.
- Will include a PE staff member at home and away fixtures.

Match Officials

- Will be a positive role model and lead by example.
- Ensure the safety of players.
- Explain decisions, when appropriate, clearly and concisely remembering at all times to be fair and unbiased.
- Refuse to tolerate or condone foul play of any kind.
- May coach at times/teach the rules during the game.
- May be a student/pupil but this must be agreed before the fixture.

Spectators

- Applaud good play by both sides and demonstrate respect for all involved.
- Respect the official's decisions.
- Encourage players to always play by the rules.
- Do not harass or swear at players, coaches and officials.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.
- Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.
- Remember that young people learn by example.

This policy was approved by the Trustees and will be reviewed bi-annually.