

Testwood School 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, both on and off the curriculum, students develop physically, emotionally, socially, morally and spiritually. Through the experiences offered and gained through these sporting opportunities, students develop an appreciation of co-operation, commitment and consideration for others, skills which can be applied across all aspects of their lives.

This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that extra-curricular sporting activities are carried out in the spirit in which they are intended, placing enjoyment, safety, inclusion and positive behaviour above the pursuit of victory. The Code applies to all those involved in extra-curricular sport, including teachers, coaches, match officials, students, parents and spectators, and reflects the school's values of being **Caring, Inclusive and Ambitious**.

Players

All students representing Testwood School in extra-curricular sport are expected to:

- Communicate as early as possible if they are unable to attend a fixture or training session

- Follow the Testwood School Behaviour Policy at all times
- Follow staff instructions regarding participation, positions and tactics during games
- Remove all jewellery and ensure long hair is tied back, in line with health and safety guidance
- Respect the decisions of match officials and the rules of the game
- Treat all participants fairly and with respect, regardless of race, background, disability, religious belief, gender or sexual orientation
- Refrain from criticising others through words or gestures
- Respect facilities and equipment
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and applaud fair play
- Compete positively, ensuring that competitiveness does not undermine behaviour, discipline or respect.
- 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

Staff and coaches involved in extra-curricular sport are expected to:

- Display consistently high standards of behaviour, professionalism and appearance
- Follow all relevant school policies, including Behaviour and Safeguarding policies, during extra-curricular activities and competitive events
- Teach and reinforce the rules of each sport, ensuring students understand that these exist for safety and fairness and must be respected at all times
- Promote disciplined sporting values, respect and enjoyment of participation
- Encourage respect for opponents and the judgement of match officials
- Ensure appropriate supervision is in place and that a member of PE staff is present at all home and away fixtures

Match Officials

Match officials are expected to:

- Act as positive role models and lead by example
- Prioritise the safety and welfare of all players
- Explain decisions clearly and concisely when appropriate, remaining fair, calm

and unbiased at all times

- Refuse to tolerate or condone foul play or unsporting behaviour of any kind
- Support learning by coaching or explaining rules during the game where appropriate
- Be a student/pupil only where this has been agreed in advance by both schools.

Spectators

Spectators, including parents and carers, are expected to:

- Applaud good play by both sides and demonstrate respect for all participants
- Respect the decisions of match officials
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to show positive sporting behaviour
- Refrain from harassing, criticising or using inappropriate language towards players, coaches or officials
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition
- Remember that young people learn by example and that spectator behaviour sets the tone for the event
- Enjoy the game, regardless of the result.

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in appropriate action being taken in line with school policies.