



Sporting Code of Conduct

This Sporting Code of Conduct is in place to ensure that all students, team managers, Coaches, teachers, spectators, parents and guardians have the best possible experience whilst taking part in any of the sporting events we organise.

Our aim is to ensure that young people (as athletes, officials or Coaches) have the opportunity to develop, learn and enjoy their experience of competition within a positive and safe environment. Staff are expected to familiarise themselves with this Sporting Code of Conduct, sharing the ethos and spirit of the games with students and any spectators or staff that may be with the team.

Our Ethos

Nottingham High School recognises the importance of providing a healthy competitive environment where all students can enjoy and thrive. Competition creates the ideal context for young people to explore their personal values and conduct, learn how to handle victory and defeat, how to believe in their abilities and achieve their personal best, and how to respect their opponents and work with their teammates to achieve success. Students, teachers, team managers, Coaches, parents and guardians are asked to uphold the School Values which underpin our Sporting Code of Conduct.

The School Values are:

- **Respect • Individuality • Empathy • Curiosity • Excellence**

Match Day

Pre-match:

A member of School staff will meet and greet visitors. Visiting staff will be welcomed and directed to the changing room, playing surfaces, and other facilities on offer, including equipment, first aid provision, and post-match hospitality. Where possible, visiting staff will be offered some refreshments before play begins.

Where possible, Nottingham High School Staff will introduce Captains to opposition Coaches and Captains.

Game Play:

Players and Coaches will adhere to the rules and code of conduct of that sport. Players and Coaches will adhere to the School's Sporting Code of Conduct.

Nottingham High School Coaches and players will champion the School's Respect Values in the following ways:

Player to Player - players will be respectful when dealing with teammates and opposition.

Players to Coach - players will be respectful of their Coaches' direction, and Coaches will be respectful of all players, both their own and the opposition. Coaches will be mindful as to their responsibilities to



player welfare and safety in all instances. Coaches will monitor their players and be prepared to remove them from the field of play should they feel they are not upholding the School's Values or are not in full control of their emotions and/or actions.

Players to Officials - players will accept the decisions of match officials without complaint, and with good grace throughout the contest.

Coaches to Officials - Coaches will accept the decisions of match officials without complaint.

Players/Coaches to Spectators - Players/Coaches will remain respectful to spectators, and we expect this to be reciprocated. The Sporting Code of Conduct is one that is the responsibility of the whole School community.

If any player falls short of the sporting rules, Sporting Code of Conduct or the School's Values during a match then they **must** be removed from the field of play. They can only return when they are able to fully uphold these values.

As a School sports community, all involved will respect staff; respect facilities; respect decisions; respect all people and their individuality.

Post-Match:

Players will thank the match officials for the game, they will thank the opposition Coach and players. This thank you will follow the convention of the sport, be that through a handshake, tunnel, or three cheers.

Coaches will thank the match officials for the game, thank the opposition Coach, and players.

Where possible, the opposition will then be offered post-match refreshments ahead of home players. Where possible, home players will endeavour to host the opposition and home staff will host visiting staff members.

Staff will stay with players until they are collected from the fixtures or have checked that they are permitted to make their own way home.

Discipline:

Should any player fall short of the expectations above in any respect, staff will complete an incident report and submit this to the Head of that sport, the Director of Sport (DOS) and the player's Tutor. The DOS will decide a suitable sanction for this player.

Should any player be sanctioned by a match official, then the match official's report will be passed via the Head of that sport to the DOS. The DOS will ensure that the School follows the relevant National Governing Body's guidance on sanctions in delivering suitable consequences for said player. The DOS will immediately inform SMT, including the Headmaster, if any incident may bring the conduct or reputation of the School into disrepute, in line with School policy.

Staff will also take note of acts of good sportsmanship and play, so that this can be recognised via the School's reward system, incorporating the School's core Values.



As a Nottingham High School student, you will:

- Follow the Sporting Code of Conduct at all times.
- Attend all required meetings, training sessions, and be available for all designated fixtures.
- Be punctual to every training session and fixture, and will notify your Coach in advance if you are going to be late.
- Inform your Coach, Manager or Teacher in Charge in advance if you are unable to attend.
- Represent Nottingham High School with pride and wear the correct School kit.
- Return any sports uniform and equipment immediately after the tournament/competition.
- Enjoy playing sport, have fun and take part in healthy competition.
- Respect all officials, teammates, Coaches, supporters and opponents.
- Play by the rules of the sport at all times.
- Work as hard as you possibly can in everything that you do.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat, showing empathy for your opponents.
- Recognise the strength of your individuality and how it can make the team stronger and bring people together.
- Never give up and always strive for excellence in your approach.
- Always respect and accept the decisions of the match official and thank them after the match.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of sport.
- After each game, the Captain should lead the 'Three Cheers' and everyone should shake hands with the opposition.
- Attend Match Teas as a team.
- Wait until your opponents are served before starting to eat and drink. Conduct yourselves properly at all times.
- Tidy the tables and chairs before you leave and inform your coach.
- REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR COACH!

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