

School Football Policy

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Football

The
this policy
fair play,



Knowledge



Spark



Humanity



Grit



Team

Policy

objective of
is to ensure

sportsmanship, and adherence to the rules of football among students participating in football activities at school. This includes playtimes, matches, clubs and PE lessons.

Rules

In football, the rules regarding yellow and red cards are standardized across various leagues and competitions. Here's an overview of what counts as a yellow card and a red card:

Yellow Card:

Unsporting Behaviour: A player may receive a yellow card for unsporting behaviour, such as committing a reckless challenge, diving, or showing dissent towards the referee's decisions.

Persistent Fouling: If a player consistently commits fouls or engages in repeated misconduct, they may receive a yellow card as a cautionary measure.

Time-wasting: Deliberate time-wasting, such as excessively delaying a restart, can result in a yellow card.

Dissent: If a player verbally or visually protests a referee's decision, they may be cautioned with a yellow card.

Red Card:

Serious Foul Play: A player can receive a red card for a tackle or challenge that is deemed dangerous, reckless, or involves excessive force, endangering the safety of an opponent.

Violent Conduct: Engaging in any form of violent behaviour, such as punching, kicking, or elbowing an opponent, will result in a straight red card.

Offensive, Insulting, or Abusive Language: Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language towards opponents, teammates, or match officials can lead to a red card.

Second Yellow Card: If a player already has a yellow card and commits another cautionable offense, they will receive a second yellow card, resulting in a red card and subsequent expulsion from the match.

When a player receives a red card, their team will be reduced by 1 player for remainder of the match, and the player may face additional disciplinary action or suspension depending on the severity of the offense.

Bans and Penalties

Rule Violation Penalties: a. Any student found to have violated the rules of football during playtimes, matches, clubs or PE lessons will be subject to the following penalties:

- 1) Immediate ban from playing football for 1 school day.
- 2) 1 match ban from competitive play.

Accumulation of Bans: a. If a student receives three consecutive bans for rule violations (per term), the following penalty will be imposed:

- 1) A 1-week ban from playing football.

Further Rule Violations: a. If a student, after serving a 1-week ban, continues to engage in rule violations while playing football, the following penalty will be imposed:

- 1) A ban for the remainder of the half-term from participating in football activities during playtimes.

Reporting and Investigation: a. Any incidents of rule breaking during football activities will be promptly reported to the appropriate member of staff and recorded for tracking. b. The school staff will conduct a fair investigation to determine the validity of the reported incident and impose appropriate consequences based on the findings. Any decision made regarding consequences under this policy is considered final.

Education and Awareness: a. The school will continue to educate and build awareness of football for all students regardless of their participation in football activities, this is to ensure all children are familiar with the rules of the game. b. Coaches, teachers, and relevant staff members will actively promote fair play, good sportsmanship, and respect for the rules of football among students.

Review and Amendments: a. This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness. b. Any necessary amendments or modifications to the policy will be made in consultation with relevant parties, such as students, team staff, and SLT.

This policy underscores our commitment to continuous improvement. Regular reviews and evaluations of the policy will enable us to address any potential shortcomings, make necessary adjustments, and stay aligned with evolving best practices in the world of football. By keeping the policy relevant and responsive, we can ensure its ongoing effectiveness in creating a positive and enriching football experience for all students involved.

Ultimately, by adhering to this policy, we aspire to create a lasting impact on our students' lives, equipping them with invaluable skills, values, and a deep-rooted love for the game. Through football, we aim to inspire and nurture the next generation of athletes, leaders, and responsible members of our society, laying a strong foundation for their future success both on and off the field.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMPETITIVE FOOTBALLERS

As a player taking part in a club or team activity, we'd like you to follow this guidance to make sure you are able to participate in the sport or activity:

- 1) **Respect and Sportsmanship:** a. Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, and spectators with respect, both on and off the field. b. Display good sportsmanship, including shaking hands with opponents after each match. c. Accept both victory and defeat graciously, without gloating or excessive disappointment.
- 2) **Teamwork and Cooperation:** a. Collaborate and work together with teammates to achieve common goals. b. Communicate effectively and listen attentively to team staff and teammates. c. Support and encourage each other, fostering a positive team environment.
- 3) **Fair Play and Honesty:** a. Play by the rules of the game and follow the instructions of the referee. b. Refrain from cheating or engaging in unsportsmanlike behaviour. c. Admit and take responsibility for any mistakes or fouls committed during the game.
- 4) **Safety and Well-being:** a. Prioritize personal safety and the safety of teammates and opponents during matches and training sessions. b. Follow the instructions of the coach regarding warm-up exercises, stretching, and injury prevention. c. Report any injuries or health concerns to the coach or team staff immediately.
- 5) **Positive Conduct Outside Football:** a. Remember that actions off the field reflect on the team and the school. b. Maintain good behaviour and adhere to school policies and values in all aspects of life. c. Be a positive role model for all students and display good sportsmanship in other activities.
- 6) **Communication and Conflict Resolution:** a. Address any conflicts or issues with teammates or coaches calmly and respectfully. b. Seek assistance from the coach or team staff if unable to resolve a conflict independently. c. Avoid negative gossip or spreading rumours about teammates or opponents.
- 7) **Equipment and Facilities:** a. Respect school property, including football equipment, facilities, and uniforms. b. Keep changing rooms, training areas, and match venues clean and tidy. c. Report any damage or equipment malfunctions to the coach or team staff promptly.
- 8) **Compliance with School Policies:** a. Observe and abide by all school rules and regulations during football-related activities. b. Maintain academic performance and prioritize school responsibilities alongside football commitments. c. Updated school staff in regards to club involvement outside of school.

By following this code of conduct, we aim to create a positive and respectful environment where children can develop their football skills, build character, and enjoy the sport to the fullest. We expect all players to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any player behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with parent's involvement and aim to resolve the issue.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably removing you from the team, event, or club permanently. This is something we never want to do.

Signature of player:

Signature of parent:

Date:

As a parent of a child taking part in our football team, we'd like you to:

- 1) **Respect All Participants:** a. Show respect for all players, coaches, team staff, and other parents involved in the football team. b. Avoid engaging in confrontational or disrespectful behaviour, both on and off the field. c. Encourage positive and sportsmanlike conduct among fellow parents.
- 2) **Support the Team Staff:** a. Trust and respect the decisions made by the team staff regarding player selection, positions, and game strategy. b. Communicate with the coaching staff in a respectful and constructive manner, addressing concerns privately and avoiding public criticism.
- 3) **Set a Positive Example:** a. Promote good sportsmanship and fair play by demonstrating positive behaviour during games and practices. b. Encourage your child to respect opponents, teammates, coaches, and officials always. c. Avoid using inappropriate language, derogatory comments, or abusive behaviour towards others.
- 4) **Maintain Open Communication:** a. Establish open lines of communication with coaches, team staff, and other parents. b. Share any important information regarding your child's health, availability, or other relevant matters. c. Address concerns or conflicts through appropriate channels, such as scheduled meetings or designated communication platforms.
- 5) **Respect the Rules and Regulations:** a. Familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations of the school, league, and governing bodies related to football. b. Encourage your child to adhere to the rules and regulations of the game, promoting fair competition and integrity.
- 6) **Create a Supportive Environment:** a. Encourage your child to participate and enjoy the sport, regardless of the outcome of each game. b. Offer constructive feedback and praise their efforts and improvements rather than focusing solely on winning or losing. c. Foster a supportive atmosphere by cheering for all players and teams, not just your own child's.
- 7) **Respect Privacy and Confidentiality:** a. Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of players, coaches, and other parents, refraining from sharing sensitive information without consent. b. Avoid gossip or spreading rumours that may harm the reputation or well-being of individuals involved in the football team.
- 8) **Attend Mandatory Meetings and Events:** a. Attend team meetings, parent meetings, and other mandatory events as required by the school or football team. b. Stay informed about important updates, schedules, and changes affecting the team.
- 9) **Uphold Safety Measures:** a. Encourage and ensure that your child adheres to safety guidelines, including wearing appropriate kit during training and games. b. Support efforts to maintain a safe environment for all players, such as reporting any safety concerns promptly.
- 10) **Resolve Conflicts Appropriately:** a. In the event of conflicts or disagreements, handle them in a respectful and constructive manner. b. Seek resolution through appropriate channels, such as discussing concerns with the coaching staff or SLT.

By adhering to this code of conduct, parents contribute to creating a positive and supportive environment for all participants in the school football team. We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend games if their attendance is considered a risk to welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

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Signature of parent:

Print name:

For a child to play in a fixture or event (representing school) both the parent and child code of conducts must be signed, refusal to do so will prevent your child from playing in said fixture or event.