



## **CODE OF CONDUCT/PRACTICE FOR SPORT (Junior School)**

QEJ Juniors is committed to the Respect campaign, introduced by the Football Association, the RFU Code of Conduct and ECB General Conduct Regulations for Cricket. We would like to extend it to encompass all the sports and the fixtures we are involved in. We expect the boys and parents to embody our core school values of kindness, respect, resilience and reflection whilst engaging in school sports.

### **A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

All players must fully commit to this Code of Conduct

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the one of the key parts of the game. But not winning at any cost - Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important. Players are to play the game for enjoyment and not just to please the school or parents.

A player should:

1. Treat all teammates as they would wish to be treated.
2. Remember that the idea of sport is to have fun
3. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the laws of the Game, to help his own team win.
4. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
5. Display our school values by accepting success and failure, victory and defeat, equally
6. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game and cooperate with them to ensure the game runs smoothly.
7. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
8. Show due respect towards Match Officials.
9. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
10. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
11. Let the captain or the coach ask any necessary questions
12. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition
13. Cooperate with the Coach and Team Officials, providing they do not contradict the spirit of this code
14. Appreciate and respect all adults who make these opportunities possible.
15. Show due respect to the interests of supporters
16. Display school values on the Sports Field through sportsmanship; commitment and resilience, as well as others mentioned above.

It is important that parents / spectators fully commit to this code of conduct.

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in sport. All children play sports (such as football) because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is expected that all parents / spectators within the school are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

It is important to remember that, however good a child becomes at any sport within our school, it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying sport.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques.
- Help to improve a child's ideas of effort and teamwork being as important as result.
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A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Team coaches and staff: their value and contribution
- Spectators

Ensure that parents / spectators within our school are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents / spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as you own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not to shout and scream. Remove all verbal and physical abuse.
- Respect the official's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in the sport, not just the most talented, allow children to make mistakes and learn from them.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in sport.
- Be a positive role model and lead by example.
- Be aware of the physical demands that playing sport places on children.
- Relax and enjoy the game, regardless of the result.
- Encourage the pupils to turn defeat into victory by helping their child work towards skill improvement and a positive attitude.
- Demonstrate our school values, whilst spectating

Ensure that parents / spectators within our school agree and adhere to our school's Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy.

**REVIEW:**

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Date policy to be reviewed by	31 December 2025 or earlier if required
Policy Owner	Head of Junior School

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