

# SMC Sporting Code of Conduct

The enjoyment and personal development of pupils at SMC through participation in Sport is of the utmost importance. To allow this to happen successfully we expect pupils, coaches and parents to follow these guidelines.

## Pupils

### **Integrity**

Always attempt to maintain the school's reputation for fair play and show good sportsmanship at all times.

### **Respect**

Respect and appreciate the efforts of opponents, match officials and team-mates

### **Commitment**

Make every effort to develop your own sporting abilities in terms of skill, fitness and tactical awareness. Always try to develop your own performance whilst setting a positive example for others.

### **Fairness**

Make every effort consistent with fair play and the rules or laws of the game. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.

### **Self-Control**

Refrain from using inappropriate or offensive language at all times, but in particular on the field of play. Safeguard the physical well-being of opponents. Avoid irresponsible and dangerous play.

### **Responsibility**

Accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally and thank the opposition and match officials directly after the match is completed.

## Parents

### **Integrity**

Understand that school sport is not about winning at all cost. Recognise the values developed through participation in Sport and the opportunities for social interaction, competition and fun.

### **Respect**

Always support a coach's or match official's judgement or decision. Respect the role of the match official and recognise their authority on the field of play.

### **Commitment**

Ensure that your child is able to participate fully in all practices and matches by ensuring that he is punctual and properly equipped to take part.

**Fairness**

Recognise the value of sportsmanship and fair play. Applaud good play and reserve judgement on poor play, through avoiding being critical of your own children, other players or coaches.

**Self-Control**

Always display self-control on the side line. Never be overly vociferous or use offensive language to players, coaches, match officials or other spectators. Recognise that any inappropriate behaviour not only reflects badly on you, but also your child and the school.

**Responsibility**

Accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally. Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.