



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORT

Introduction

With the rapidly changing world of sport outside College, the basic principles that should underpin the way in which we play our school and house matches and support our teams needs to be restated from time to time. The following points are based on our high expectations of behaviour, and good practice.

Expectations

Students are involved in sport for their enjoyment and as part of their broader educational development. Rivalry and the result of the match, which should always be accepted with good grace, should not affect the educational purpose of the fixture. The sports field is an extension of the classroom and we expect students' behaviour to be appropriately disciplined;

- Good play, including that of the opposition, should be applauded by players and spectators alike.
- We should promote a sense of 'fair' play. To this end there is no place for cheating, poor language or ungracious conduct. There is no place for violent or dangerous behaviour that sets out to injure or intimidate an opponent. Any injury to a player of either side is a matter of regret and concern.
- Open criticism of, or dissent for, umpiring and refereeing decisions by players and spectators alike is unacceptable. Match officials deserve respect and support, even at times when they may appear to have made an incorrect decision.
- Epsom College in Malaysia has a responsibility for the conduct of every aspect of its sport, including the behaviour of supporters (be they students, parents or other adults) both home and away.
- The opposition and match officials should be treated with respect both during and after the match. At the end of play, opponents should be applauded and officials thanked.

- Students who breach these guidelines can expect to be formally warned in the first instance but, in extreme cases, they will be sent from the field of play and/or suspended from further matches.

All the above expectations apply to internal sport at Epsom College in Malaysia as well as matches played between other schools and ourselves. The same expectations apply to fixtures whether at home or away. Any poor conduct which brings the College into disrepute will become a disciplinary matter and will be referred to the Deputy Head (Pastoral) and/or Headmaster.