

School Sport Fixtures - Code of Conduct

This code of conduct must be read in conjunction with the Behaviour for Learning Policy - [The Knights Templar School - Policies](#).

Purpose: To ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all at school fixtures

Applies to:

- Players
- Spectators (this term throughout the document includes parents/carers)

Our Core Values of Courage and Courtesy Encompass:

- **Respect:** For opponents, teammates, officials, staff, facilities, and the sport.
- **Safety & Welfare:** We safeguard children; no bullying, discrimination, or harassment.
- **Fair Play:** Play by the rules, be honest, accept decisions, and take responsibility.
- **Enjoyment & Learning:** Compete positively and support development over results.
- **Inclusivity:** Everyone is welcome—no abusive, discriminatory, or demeaning behaviour.

All Participants

- Follow the Laws of the Game and league rules.
- No offensive, insulting, or abusive language or gestures.
- No discrimination (e.g., related to race, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation).
- No aggressive behaviour, intimidation, or surrounding the officials.
- Use social media responsibly; do not post content that harms others or The Knights Templar School's reputation.
- Do not film or photograph participants without appropriate school consent. Any images or footage must not be shared in a way that could cause harm or breach safeguarding expectations.

Players

- Play fairly, safely, and within the spirit of the game.
- Accept decisions without dissent.
- Captain leads dialogue with the officials.
- Wear correct kit and safety equipment and remove jewellery.
- Report concerns about welfare or safety to your teacher immediately.

Spectators

- Support positively—applaud effort and skill; no coaching.
- Never engage with opposition players or officials; no abusive, threatening, or discriminatory remarks.
- Respect technical areas and pitch/court perimeters; follow staff directions.
- Create a nurturing environment for both teams.

Sanctions & Procedures

The Knights Templar School operates a clear, progressive approach. Depending on severity, steps may be accelerated for player(s) and/or spectators:

1. **Verbal Warning** (on-field or touchline)
 - For minor dissent, negative comments, or boundary testing.

2. **Match Control Measures**
 - Temporary removal/substitution of a player for cooling off; request to relocate a spectator
3. **Cautions/Dismissals**
 - Cautions and dismissals relevant to the sport should be enforced
4. **Post-Match Review & Written Notice**
 - Incident recorded; schools notified; education-focused intervention where appropriate.
5. **School Disciplinary Actions**
 - Match bans, suspended sanctions
6. **Safeguarding Escalation**
 - Any safeguarding or discriminatory incident is escalated to The Knights Templar School's Designated Safeguarding Lead(s) and Senior Leadership Team immediately; referrals made as required.

Reporting Concerns

- **On the day:** Inform the Lead Teacher
- **After the match:** Email the Lead Teacher with fixture details, name(s), and a brief description of the concern.
- **Safeguarding:** Contact the Knights Templar School's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Curtis, via email kcurtis@kts.school

By a Knights Templar School student taking part in sports fixtures, this means that the player(s) and spectator(s) agree to this Code of Conduct.