



Kings' School Al Barsha **Sports Code of Conduct**

Sport plays a very important part of school life at Kings' School Al Barsha, enjoyed by students of all ages and abilities.

The aim of this essential agreement is to provide a set of guiding principles for all stakeholders involved in sport. It is applicable to both match and practice situations and aims to ensure that enjoyment and participation remain at the heart of all we do. Our aim is to make sport attractive, safe, and enjoyable for everyone, to protect players, coaches, teachers, and parents from any form of abuse, and to promote the reputation of Kings' across the wider community.

As a player I will:-

- Play the game for the purpose of my enjoyment whilst competing to the best of my ability.
- Demonstrate respect for the rules of the game and play in a manner that shows pride in my actions.
- Maintain my school's reputation for fair play.
- Refrain from using any foul or offensive language.
- Refrain from boastful or arrogant behaviour and always applaud good play from both my own team and the opposition.
- Treat all match officials and coaches with respect.
- Accept the decision of the team selection of my coach with grace.
- Be positive in making any comments to my teammates and be encouraging at all times, acting as a role model regardless of my position in the team.
- Wear the correct team uniform as dictated by the school and travel in the appropriate school uniform.
- Attend all practices and matches unless I have an acceptable excuse. Coaches should always be informed well in advance of any absences before the practice or match is about to commence. Any injured players should attend and remain at practices in order to assist the coach and listen to any information about tactics and skills.
- Arrive punctually for all practices/transportation and matches.
- Be prepared to take responsibility for helping with kit and any extra duties, and should treat all equipment and playing kit that is issued to them in the correct manner.
- Learn the laws of the games and abide by them.

As a Coach I will:-

- Be honest in my assessment of players and team selection.
- Inform players of weaknesses in their game and offer ideas for improvement.
- Instill the correct attitude towards training and representing the school and team.
- Be positive throughout the game/practice in my comments and conduct.
- Ensure practices run on time with the right equipment and a goal for each session.
- Encourage parental support at matches that is appropriate.
- Inform players of the arrangements for the fixtures, including team selection.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Develop the players' respect for their own team members, for opponents, as well as for the referees, umpires, and opposition coaches.
- Be generous with praise and provide constructive and positive criticism.
- Insist on fair play, and never tolerate gloating, foul play, fighting, or foul language.
- Ensure that all team results publicised and celebrated.



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As Parents and Supporters we will:-

- Understand and appreciate that school sport is not about “winning at all costs”, and recognise the values instilled by the student’s participation and the opportunities it provides for social interaction, fun, and competition.
- Remember that the students are involved in the sport of their choice for their enjoyment.
- Encourage the students to learn the rules/laws of the sport.
- Teach the students the value of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Never ridicule or berate students in the team for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that young people learn by example. Spectators and parents should applaud good play and reserve their judgement on poor play.
- Never publicly question a coach’s, referee’s, or umpire’s judgement or honesty.
- Never use offensive language, or threaten players, coaches, referees, umpires, or other spectators.
- Respect the role of the coach or match official and recognise their authority on the field.
- Respect the coach’s decision in making team selection decisions. These are final.
- Understand that it is the coach’s right to select whom he/she believes to be the most appropriate team in the circumstances.
- Respect the opposition players and coaches.
- Communicate any concerns or issues through the correct channels in an appropriate manner at an appropriate time.