STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Lower standards of sporting behaviour have, in recent times, occurred in many areas of our society. Naturally, in competitions, our aim is to win. To do any less would rob our opponents and ourselves of some of the enjoyment which we gain from playing sport. However, as a School sporting community, we do not subscribe to the view that sportsmen and sportswomen play to “win at all costs”, especially when costs include cheating, over-vigorous play, displays of temper, verbally baiting the opposition, disputing the match official’s decision, fighting, gamesmanship and ill-disciplined support from spectators. Poor sportsmanship is not tolerated at Grammar.

2. Participation in sport offers healthy recreation, enjoyment, and education of self. It also encourages the development of self control, cooperation, loyalty, unselfishness, determination, leadership and team morale. Competition is an important, healthy aspect of sport provided it enhances enjoyment and generates a feeling of self satisfaction and a challenge to one’s personal resources. Competition that fosters hostility and ill-will has no place in Grammar sporting programmes.

3. Some Golden Rules of Sport:
   3.1. Keep a sense of proportion. Remember it is only a game!
   3.2. Give of your very best during matches, especially when you are losing, and at training sessions.
   3.3. Get to know the rules of your game and abide by them. Do not try to gain an unfair advantage by deliberately breaking the rules.
   3.4. Accept the referee’s decision without question or hesitation. All good match officials make mistakes and your dissent may work against your team’s goals.
   3.5. Exercise self-control, especially when an opponent behaves inappropriately or a poor decision is made by the match official. Do not lose your temper or engage in inappropriate physical activity.
   3.6. Only the captain speaks for the team, however, team members may support the captain and other team members with words of encouragement.
   3.7. Always avoid gamesmanship – e.g. repeated appeals or time wasting.
   3.8. Do no indulge in displays of temperament.
   3.9. Be good losers and gracious winners.

4. Show courtesy and friendliness towards visiting players and match officials. Thank officials, coaches and those providing support such as meals and transport.

5. Take pride in personal presentation. Be properly dressed for your sport when training, travelling to and from fixtures and during matches. Spectators supporting the School (day and boarding students) should be dressed in Red and Black shirts with denim jeans or shorts.

6. Treat all equipment and facilities with utmost care.

7. Unacceptable behaviour and/or poor effort in class may lead to suspension from co-curricular activities.

8. Be a Sporting Spectator –
   - Encourage our players but also be appreciative of good play from our opponents. Never jeer at the opponents efforts or make discouraging remarks (irrespective of any provocation)
   - Remember your behaviour off the field may have an adverse affect on the field.
   - Do not get involved in arguments with supporters of the opposition.
   - Do not take it upon yourself to coach our teams or offer match officials advice from the sideline.

Finally, we have a proud record of achievement and sportsmanship. We are all guardians of that tradition. Treasure it and enjoy your sport.
PARENTS and SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that young people are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the Laws.
- Teach young people that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Applaud good play from both teams.
- Do not publicly question the referee’s judgement and never his/her honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the game.
- Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give their time and resources to provide a game for young participants.

COACH and MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player’s time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players the laws of the game and for them to play within the laws.
- Ensure that all players get a game. The ‘just average’ players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that young people play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a part of it. Never ridicule the players for making errors or losing a game.
- Be professional and accept responsibilities for your actions.
- Display high standards in language, behaviour, manner, dress, punctuality and preparation.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as the judgement of referees and opposing coaches.
- Discourage excessive talk on the field.
- Insist on a disciplined approach by the players.