



STAMFORD

# Sporting Code of Conduct

Thanks to the Stamfordians of the past, Stamford School enjoys an outstanding reputation and a fine sporting tradition. **We carry the responsibility** to nurture that tradition and enhance that reputation further.

**We will** conduct ourselves as honest, well-mannered gentlemen during all matches and competitions. We will all:

- Show the highest standards of behaviour in never challenging the decisions of the referee/umpires/officials of the contest. He or she will be addressed politely and respectfully.
- Shake hands and thank the referee/umpires/officials and the opposition for the contest.
- Show the highest standards of behaviour in competing with members of the opposition.

**We will** set ourselves the highest standards of dress, both in and outside the competitive arena.

As spectators, **we will** support enthusiastically the efforts of all our players and just as importantly respect the decisions of all match officials.

**We will** communicate effectively with our coaches and staff in any possible situations that may require absence (including a letter to the Headmaster).

**We will** give nothing less than 100% endeavour in our pursuit of success whilst enjoying and improving Stamford School Sport.

*“When the one great writer comes to write against your name, He does not write if you won or lost but how you played the game.”*

## Spectators' Code of Conduct

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We expect our spectators to:

- Respect all match officials and their decisions.
- Praise and acknowledge good individual and team performance from ALL irrespective of which team they play for.
- Praise and acknowledge the performance more than the result.
- Make sure verbal feedback is positive and is 'for' the players and not 'at' them.
- Condemn and refuse to accept bad language and poor conduct.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability, race or religion.
- Not to applaud or cheer when opposition players make errors.
- Remember that we all play an important part in schoolboy rugby teaching the values of good sportsmanship.