



ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

Code of Behaviour for Sports Fixtures and Off Games Policy St Aloysius' College

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Pupils are expected to represent the College when selected for a Sport/team.

Pupils:

- Adhere to the rules of the game at all times
- Respect the officials and their decisions
- Respect their fellow team mates
- Work together for the greater good on and off the field of play
- Be dignified in victory and defeat
- Work with the member of staff in charge to improve their skills
- Under no circumstances use foul, racist or abusive language
- Under no circumstances use physical violence towards another player or member of staff.
- Adhere to uniform rules on and off the pitch
- Never use media, such as phones or iPads, whilst at games (including travelling to and from) except when permitted to do so by a member of staff.

Sanctions:

If a pupil is found to break any of these rules they will be subject to disciplinary action by Director of Sport and/or Depute Head.

Abusive language:

This will be subject to a ban from playing for a set period of time decided by Director of Sport/Director of Hockey/Director of Rugby/Depute Head.

Contact:

Contact will be made with parents and staff will work with parents to communicate and action.

Physical violence

The above rule applies. Pupils may also be subject to College disciplinary action as stated in the College rules.

Use of media

Staff will work with pupils to explain the dangers and consequences of using media at school. Disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with College rules. This will be conducted by Head of Year/Depute Head/Director of Sport.

Staff will work with pupils and parents to ensure that their conduct on and off the field of play is exemplary at all times.

Staff:

Pupils can expect staff to be;

- Fair in their selection of teams
- Respectful of individual needs and ability
- Communicative with pupils at all times when discussing progress
- Staff will work within the accessible curriculum to be inclusive of all pupils regardless of ability. Staff will differentiate their sessions in order to provide an accessible, inclusive curriculum.

- Staff will NEVER use inappropriate language in front of or towards pupils.
- Staff will NEVER use physical violence towards pupils
- Staff will NEVER 'touch' pupils unless it is appropriate in accordance with the staff /pupil touch policy.
- Staff may need to use media such as video, photographs during games. This will be explained to pupils beforehand.

Off games/Injured

- Pupils are expected to take full participation in Games
- All requests for "off games" should go to Director of Sport by email or letter.
- Communication from home via, phone call, email or letter must be provided by pupils. This should be shown to the member of staff involved and passed to the Director of Sport.
- Pupils who are "off games" must bring a change of clothing and attend games as normal.

Exceptions to this, include:

- Appointments (such as medical)
- If a pupil is ill, it is expected that if they attend school they attend games.
- The Director of Sport can give permission for a pupil to be off games if they are sick, injured or otherwise but CANNOT give permission for a pupil to be absent from school during games time.
- A note MUST be provided by the pupil and given to Director of Sport.
- Pupils and parents are encouraged not to make appointments during games time and they should not absent themselves from games in order to 'catch up' on work in other classes. Director of Sport cannot give permission for this.

- Only pupils in S4,5,6 can be given permission to use the library during games in exceptional /reasonable circumstances which will be decided by Director of Sport in consultation with the pupils Head of Year (if appropriate).
- Attendance at games will be monitored and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with College rules if attendance is poor.

All staff are expected to support these rules and not request if a pupil can miss games to catch up on work in their subject (this is in consultation with the Director of Sport)

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