

# EMS Student-Athlete Expectations

The actions of a student-athlete are a reflection of themselves, their team and coaches, their school as well as community. A student's involvement in school sport creates opportunities and provides experiences that are important to the development of a well-rounded individual. It is important to note that a student athlete's participation in school sport is a privilege, not a right. A student-athlete's participation in school sport can be suspended or revoked if the ***EMS Student Athlete Expectations*** are not met on a continuous basis.

## I. COMMITMENT

Each student-athlete is expected to attend all practices and games. Schedule conflicts must be discussed with the coach in advance. Lack of commitment to a team or sport may affect participation or playing time on the team. Withdrawal during a season of play may jeopardize future participation in Earl Marriott Athletics in the following season of play.

## II. SPORTSMANSHIP

Earl Marriott Secondary student-athletes are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of sportsmanship during an outside competition. Showing respect for opponents and officials is a paramount principle of our program. A student-athlete unable to abide by the ***BCSS Student Athlete Code of Conduct*** may result in suspension from competition for a game, week, season of play, or remainder of school year. These suspensions could be handed down from one of the following: Coach, Athletic Director or BCSS Disciplinary Committee.

## III. CITIZENSHIP

A high standard of personal conduct and attitude are expected by student-athletes during school, travel, before during and after competition. All EMS and SD36 rules apply to all events that student-athletes participate in. The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will result in school disciplinary action and possibly additional suspension from Athletic Programs. A student-athlete unable to follow the Student-Athlete Expectations may result in a suspension from participation in athletics from the Athletic Department and/or school.

## **IV. ACADEMIC EFFORT**

Each student-athlete is expected to maintain *Academic and Effort Standards* consistent with his or her ability. All student athletes must maintain a 50% or C- standing or higher in at least 3 of 4 courses OR 2 of 3 courses for senior students with a spare block. Regular class attendance is expected and is mandatory on game days unless excused with a legitimate reason. If a student is unable to attend class(es) the day of a league, exhibition, or playoff game in whole or in part may not be able to play in the game. A coach may not tell a student to rest at home on the day of a league, exhibition, or zone playoff game.

## **V. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

Uniforms and equipment are the property of the school and must be cared for appropriately during the season of play. They must be well maintained by the student athlete to whom they are issued. Partial uniforms will not be accepted as returnable. If lost or damaged, charges will be levied and/or the uniform deposit will not be returned. Student-athletes who do not return equipment or uniforms for which they are responsible will not be permitted to register for a sport for the following season.

## **VI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

If you violate the Drug and Alcohol Policy of SD36 while you are a team member of the EMS Athletic Program and the violation takes place at a school sanctioned activity other than an athletic activity, you may be suspended for a portion of the season in which the violation occurs. If you violate the Drug and Alcohol Policy while directly involved as a team member within the Athletics Program, and this violation takes place during the athletic activity, you will be suspended from participation for the rest of that season and potentially the remainder of the school year. You will also be subject to further discipline from the school's administration. We would like to make it clear to all student-athletes that drug and alcohol use in any form will not be condoned within the Athletics Program.



# BC School Sports (BCSS)

## 26.0.0 STUDENT-ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- 26.1.0 BC School Sports, School Boards and your school consider it a privilege to represent your school in an athletic competition. Therefore, certain behavioural expectations come with this selection. This Athlete Code of Conduct is to inform you and your parents what the expectations of student-athletes are:
- 26.1.1 Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
  - 26.1.2 Embrace the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
  - 26.1.3 Show respect and give courtesy to opponents, officials, volunteers, teammates, spectators and coaches at all times.
  - 26.1.4 Uphold the rules of the sport, spirit of such rules and encourage other athletes to do the same.
  - 26.1.5 Represent yourself, your parents, your school and your community with proper conduct at all times on or off the playing field.
  - 26.1.6 Respect other athletes' dignity and acknowledge that verbal or physical behavior that constitutes harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
  - 26.1.7 Participate in a manner that ensures the safety of fans, athletes, coaches and officials also participating in the game.
  - 26.1.8 Accept decisions of officials without dispute.
  - 26.1.9 Never criticize or use social networking to criticize or threaten another school team, coach, player, game official, or BCSS.
  - 26.1.10 Demonstrate that it is a privilege to represent your school.

# Earl Marriott Secondary

## PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, family and friends are encouraged and welcome to be spectators. Your attendance at secondary school sporting events at Earl Marriott and other facilities entitles you to enjoy an exhibition of skills developed by athletes in an educational setting. Please be respectful and encouraging in your approach to ALL athletes, officials, coaches and fellow spectators.

### Parents please abide by the following expectations:

- Show respect and appreciation for the volunteer coaches and minor officials who give their time to provide sport activities for your child.
- Do not question coach decision making around playing time or game strategy. Encourage your child to have a conversation with their coach around their role on the team and how to improve or increase roles and responsibilities.
- If concerns arise with a coach please allow 24 hours to pass before contacting the coach regarding your concerns. Avoid email as they can be misconstrued, attempt to converse in person or at very least over the phone.
- Your role as a parent is to positively encourage your child. Leave the coaching to those who have volunteered and be sure to support their instruction and messaging.
- We do not have a Fair Play rule. Our objectives are comprehensive and encourage participation, commitment and learning your support of this is integral in the success of our teams both on and off the court/field.

### Spectators please abide by the following expectations:

- Treat everyone with respect by: cheering in a positive manner for all competitors, accepting the decisions of officials, not interfering with the play or competition, being courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials.
- Exercise Self-Control at all times by: respecting the rules and regulations of the facility, refraining from the use of foul or profane language, refraining from the use of physical force of any kind.

**BE LOUD    BE PROUD    BE POSITIVE**



# BC School Sports (BCSS)

## 25.0.0 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

25.1.0 The coach / student-athlete relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their student-athletes. Therefore, coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport.

### 25.2.0 RULES OF CONDUCT

25.2.1 Shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, and shall conduct themselves accordingly when performing coaching duties;

25.2.2 Shall observe the Competitive Rules and Regulations of BCSS, and those of their local athletic association and applicable sport commission;

25.2.3 Shall observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and shall encourage student-athletes to do the same;

25.2.4 Shall fulfil all competition, invitational, playoff and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with athletic association policy, sport commission policy and tournament-related agreements;

25.2.5 Shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete with respect to race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation;

25.2.6 Shall respect the rulings of officials without gesture or argument, and shall require student-athletes to do the same;

25.2.7 Shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties;

25.2.8 Shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties;

25.2.9 Shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend, or suggest the use of performance-enhancing drugs or supplements by any student-athlete;

25.2.10 Shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and shall discourage their use by student-athletes;

25.2.11 Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of his/her responsibilities as a school team member;

25.2.12 Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete cannot or should not participate in any BCSS approved sport in the season preceding or following the coach's season of play;

25.2.13 Shall not, under any circumstances, start pre-season tryouts or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.

