

# EMS Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The actions of a student athlete are a reflection of themselves, their team, their school and their community. A student's involvement in school sport creates opportunities and experiences that are important to the development of a well-rounded student. It is important to remember that a student athlete's participation in school sport is a privilege, not a right, and can be revoked if the *EMS Student Athlete Code of Conduct* is not followed.

## 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 competition. Showing respect for opponents and officials is a paramount principle of our program. An athlete unable to follow 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 behaviour and attitude are expected by student-athletes not only at school, but during travel, and before and after competition. All School and Surrey School District rules apply to all events that student-athletes participate in. The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will result in school disciplinary action and additional suspensions from athletics. A student-athlete unable to follow the Code of Conduct may result in suspension for a game, week, season of play, or year 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 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 School District #36 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.

# **Coach's Code of Conduct**

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

## **I. RESPONSIBILITY**

Coaches shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, with moral and legislative obligations required of the coach at all times. Each coach must uphold the rules and regulations of BC SCHOOL SPORTS, the local Athletic Association and applicable Sport Commission. It is critical coaches actively uphold the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and encourage student-athletes to do the same. Coaches are also responsible to respect the judgment and interpretation of officials without gesture or argument, and require student-athletes to do the same.

## **II. CONDUCT**

Coaches are to treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete with respect to race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation. As a coach, it is unacceptable to use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties. Coaches are required to abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and discourage their use by student-athletes.

## **III. LEADERSHIP**

Coaches cannot either directly or indirectly, encourage a student to attend a particular school for the purpose of participating in interschool sport. Coaches shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties. It is essential that under no circumstances for a coach to endorse, recommend or suggest the use of performance enhancing drugs or supplements by any student-athlete. As a coach for a school team you shall not require or imply that a student must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of their obligation to participate on a school team.

## **IV. COMMITMENT**

Coaches must fulfill all league, exhibition, invitational, play-off and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with Athletic Association policy, Sport Commission policy or Tournament Organizer agreements.

Coaches shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student cannot or should not participate in any BCSS approved sport of their choice in the season preceding and/or succeeding the coach's particular season-of-play. In addition coaches may not start pre-season tryouts or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport either before or after their own.

# **SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

Spectators are encouraged and welcomed to attend secondary school sporting activities, however are expected to act accordingly.

## **Spectators should:**

### **Treat Everyone with Respect**

- cheer in a positive manner for all competitors
- respect the decisions of officials
- not interfere with the play or competition
- be courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials

### **Exercise Self-Control at all times**

- respect the rules and regulations of the facility
- refrain from the use of foul or profane language
- refrain from the use of physical force of any kind