

Regent's Sports Code of Conduct

1. This code is designed to ensure the highest possible standards of competition, sportsmanship, fairness, honesty and behaviour in relation to the conduct of all Regent's University London's Sports members;
2. The good conduct of all members of the University sports 'community is essential for the well-being and safety of others and for the maintenance of an environment which supports all students and staff.
3. The principles of this Code of Conduct are applicable in any circumstances and in any location in which the student has been granted access as a member of Regent's and provides a clear understanding of the standard of conduct expected when performing sport and physical activity at Regent's.
4. Regent's University London's Sport regards any breach of this code as a serious matter and may take disciplinary action against an individual or group acting in breach of the code;
5. This code is not exhaustive and other acts deemed by Regent's University London's Sports members to be unacceptable may be addressed.
6. This code may apply in addition to other policies determined by Regent's University London.

This code applies to:

- All Regent's University London Sports club members, including all sporting events organised under the umbrella of Regent's University London or Regent's University London Sports, considering travelling to and from competitions.
- All members officially appointed to any team or individual competing in an event (including administrators, coaches and managers)
- Supporters of official Regent's University London teams and individuals.
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Guiding Principles

All students should abide the rules and regulations set by:

1. Regent's University London
 - [1.2 Student Disciplinary Policy](#)
 - [1.3 Students Code of Conduct of Conduct](#)
2. [London Football Association](#)
3. [British Universities & Colleges Sport \(BUCS\)](#) , [London University Sport League](#), [The Schools and Universities Polo Association](#), [Volleyball England](#), [Basketball England](#)

Code of Conduct

1. Adhere to policies, procedures and regulations as defined by Regent's University London including Student Disciplinary Policy and Students Code of Conduct
2. Display consistently high standards of behaviour, showing respect to opponents, teammates, coaches, supporters officials:
 1. Treat everyone equitably and with respect regardless of differing cultures, abilities, race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation or disability.
 2. Behave in a way that cannot be considered threatening, aggressive, or disruptive.
 3. Ensure all actions do not cause physical or emotional harm to any other students, staff members, visitors, or members of the public.
 4. Refrain from the use of foul language or abusive language or gestures towards match officials, coaches or spectators.
 5. Do not show unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards a Regent's Sport, Coach, member of staff, event or competition official, his or her decision, or generally after a decision of an official has been made;
3. To adhere to the rules and regulations of the relevant sports' governing body, and where necessary the relevant international federations, agreeing to demonstrate sporting behaviour towards opponents, staff and officials at all times.
4. Adhere to the relevant sport, event or competition rules, regulations and/ or policies.
5. Follow due process when reporting hate crimes. Students must immediately report incidents which breach the Equality Act 2012 and Regent's University London's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion agenda such as discrimination on the grounds of: race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity to the Sports Officer or the Student Union & Student Voice Manager to ensure matters can be dealt with via the appropriate channels.
6. Not to use any illegal drug whether performance enhancing or recreational when representing the Club, Regent's University London Sport and the University.
7. Accept and observe the decision of the Match Officials and disciplinary bodies without protest. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official and/or show lack of respect towards Match Officials.
8. Respect sports properties at all times. When participating in sports training and matches, to take due diligence using sport equipment and comply with health and safety regulations of the venue and area.

Additional expectations from players:

Engagement

1. To demonstrate engagement and commitment to training and matches. To communicate effectively to captains and coaches on availability.
2. Arrive for training and matches in good time to prepare thoroughly, with the appropriate kit for the activity.

3. Prioritise academic attendance over sports commitments. If students have conflicts between Regent's Sport and academic timetables, this should be raised to Regent's Sport at the first week of term.

Behaviour

4. Abide by the rules and respect the decisions of sports officials
5. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat with an equal measure of dignity.
6. Promote the reputation of the game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
7. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting, where players may bend the rules and use questionable methods to gain an advantage.
8. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.

Facilities and Equipment

9. When attending a venue, students must comply with the health and safety regulations of the venue and surrounding area.
10. It is every student's responsibility to ensure the sports venues, including changing rooms, are left in the best condition possible.
11. Students are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the sports' kit whilst in their care. Any lost, stolen or damaged kit must be reported to the Sports Officer. The sports' team kit will be provided to students before each game.

Transport

12. Unless arranged by the Sports Officer, students must make their own way to and from training and matches and cover the required travelling costs.

Failure to comply to the sports' code of conduct the following sanctions will be implemented:

The respective Sports' Coach and the Sports Officer will consider the gravity of the misconduct and shall determine whether is considered a minor or major offense.

Minor offenses:

- A first minor offence will result in a verbal or written warning by either the Sports Officer or Coach.
- A second minor offence of two verbal or written warnings throughout the season, will result in a match ban for two games. This means the student will be prevented from playing the two games which directly proceed their second warning.
- A third minor offence of three verbal or written warnings will result in removal from the team and will trigger the University disciplinary process under acts of non-academic misconduct which are likely to lead to disciplinary proceedings.

All major offenses will trigger the University disciplinary process under acts of non-academic misconduct which are likely to lead to disciplinary proceedings.

Other sanctions:

- If a player receives a red card, this may result in a first warning by either the Sports Officer or the Coach and the result of a £40 penalty.
- If a player receives a second red card within the season this will result in a match ban for two games. This means they will be prevented from playing the next two games after they receive their second red card and a £60 penalty.
- If a player receives a third red card within the season will be considered as a major offense and will trigger the University disciplinary process under acts of non-academic misconduct which are likely to lead to disciplinary proceedings and a £80 penalty.
- *Football:* The Football Association will introduce point deductions for teams across the grassroots game if their players or coaches commit repeated offences of serious misconduct, making clear to clubs that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated.

I understand that if I do not follow this code of conduct, my actions could trigger the University disciplinary process under acts of non-academic misconduct which are likely to lead to disciplinary proceedings

I understand that if I do not follow this code of conduct I may:

- *Be asked to be present for a disciplinary meeting/process managed by the University, London FA, Basketball England, Volleyball England or SUPA (School and University Polo Association)*
- *Receive a verbal warning from my Coach or the Sports Officer*
- *Be asked to submit any required reports and information related to my actions and behaviour*
- *Be suspended from attending club training sessions*
- *Be suspended from playing in matches*
- *Be suspended from the team*
- *Be required to leave the team*
- *Be banned from being in university sports teams and banned from competing at university competitions/events*



- *Be asked to apologise for my behaviour*

Appeals:

For all minor offenses and sanctions- where a student believes that the procedures have not been followed correctly or the decision regarding the outcome is unreasonable, they have the right to appeal. Any appeal should be presented in writing within 2 working days of the sanction implemented to the Student Union and Student Voice Manager. For sanctions in relation to the University disciplinary process please refer to [Student Disciplinary Policy](#)

Print name

Student Number

Signature **Date**