

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

Though games for BUCS and non-BUCS leagues as well as friendlies are competitive fixtures, it is expected that all spectators uphold respect for players from both teams, their supporters, and match officials at all times. Appreciation and applause for effort and good play is expected. Spectators are representatives of their club, Students' Union and University and should behave in a manner befitting this whilst spectating at our sports clubs fixtures.

We want our sports fixtures to be enjoyed by every single person, whether they are a player, a spectator, or part of the wider university community.

We are asking all players and spectators to:

- **Call it out** - call out racist, homophobic, transphobic, misogynist, and other discriminatory words, behaviours, and actions
- **Stamp it out** - stamp out racist, homophobic, transphobic, misogynist, and other discriminatory words, behaviours, and actions
- **Keep it out** - keep out racist, homophobic, transphobic, misogynist, and other discriminatory words, behaviours, and actions

A policy of zero tolerance will be applied at all fixtures.

WHAT BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED?

- Arriving at a fixture drunk or otherwise intoxicated.
- Using any threatening, intimidating, abusive or crude language towards anyone whilst spectating any fixture.
- Abusing, threatening, or intimidating any player, spectator, match official, coach, or any other participant, whether before, during or after the fixture.
- Failing to comply with directions an SU or University staff member gives you or staff from other institutions.
- Showing unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards any person at the fixture.
- Using crude or abusive language or gestures towards any person present.
- Conducting yourself in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether before, during or after the event that would impair the reputation of your club, Student Union, University or university sport in general.
- Behaving in a manner which could cause distress, alarm or harm to another.
- Any homophobic, transphobic, misogynistic, and any other discriminatory language, behaviours, and/or actions.
- Any language, behaviours, and/or actions that discriminate against people based on their race, religion, or other identifying attributes

- Behaving in a manner which could cause distress, alarm or harm to another.
- Bringing any alcohol, drugs, flares, fireworks & other restricted items to the fixture.
- Using social media to offend, abuse, threaten or intimidate any player, spectator, match official, coach, or any other participant, whether before, during or after the event.
- Acting in an unlawful manner.
- Damage to property.

Please remember that students' families often come to watch.

ALCOHOL

- Alcohol consumption may or may not be permitted at events, depending on the location and nature of the fixture. You will be informed if alcohol will be permitted at an event and will be required to behave in an orderly, good-natured manner at each fixture.
- Alcohol is NOT permitted on any SU-organised transport to or from fixtures.
- We reserve the right to search your person and belongings at each fixture and before any transportation to and from a fixture.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS CODE IS BREACHED?

- You will be removed from the venue immediately.
- You will not be allowed to use any transport arranged by the Students' Union, regardless of whether you have paid for this.
- You will not be allowed to attend any further fixtures or may not be able to attend Students' Union organised events such as Varsity.
- Your photograph may be taken.
- You will be referred to your Students' Unions disciplinary code and may result in sanctions being placed against you and/or the club, including expulsion from the Union and the cessation any rights of membership thereof.
- You may also be referred to your University's disciplinary procedures. The University may charge you with a breach of its code of conduct which may result in sanctions being placed against you, including expulsion from University.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A REPORT THAT THIS CODE IS BREACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL/GROUP?

- Please inform a member of staff from your Union/University who will respond to the incident and take the appropriate action.
- A staff member will also provide you with the information on how to formally report the incident.

Please also note:

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- **We reserve the right to amend or implement new regulations throughout the BUCS season.**
 - **We reserve the right to withdraw teams from BUCS or non-BUCS leagues at any point if problems are being experienced.**

We hope that you enjoy spectating our teams and represent your University and players in an appropriate and befitting manner.

Please do enjoy it and support your fellow students. Thank you for your co-operation.