



SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct relates to both Gloucester and Worcester spectators.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

Varsity is a competitive but respectful event, and all spectators represent their club, Students' Union and University. You are expected to support positively and behave respectfully throughout all fixtures.

Both Universities and Students' Unions are committed to ensuring Varsity is a safe and supportive environment. Spectators must act in ways that protect the welfare, dignity and safety of others at all times. Any behaviour that causes harm, distress or concern, including harassment, bullying or inappropriate conduct, will be taken seriously.

Attending Varsity is a privilege and these events require significant time, cost and organisation from both Unions. All spectators are expected to respect this and contribute positively to the experience for players, officials and fellow supporters. The future of Varsity depends on everyone upholding these standards.

Own the Moment

We want Varsity 2026 to be a set of fixtures that can be enjoyed by every single person, whether they are a player, a spectator, or part of the wider university community.

Our campaign, Own the Moment, is about recognising the shared moments amongst teams, spectators and friends. It's about being positive, respectful and supportive, making sure every moment, on and off the pitch, is one to be proud of.

We want our Varsity fixtures to be a safe space for all to support, participate in and enjoy and throughout Varsity, we are asking all players and spectators to:

- Step up in the Moment by being active bystanders challenge inappropriate, harmful, or discriminatory behaviour and use the Varsity Reporting Tool when needed.
- Respect every moment by valuing diversity and treating all players, spectators, and staff with dignity.
- Support every moment by celebrating our teams, our opposition, and the community that makes Varsity special.

Staff from both SUs will be on hand to help with any concerns that you may have.



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

WHAT BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED?

Safety & Conduct

- Arriving at an event drunk or otherwise intoxicated.
- Being involved in any way in the use of illegal drugs whilst at fixtures
- Abusing, threatening, discriminatory or intimidating behaviour towards any player, spectator, match official, coach, staff or any other participant, whether before, during or after the event.
- Harassment, unwanted physical contact, or any behaviour that compromises welfare or safety.
- Violent, unsafe or physically aggressive behaviour on or off the pitch
- Behaving in a manner which could cause distress, alarm, or harm to another.
- Pitch invasions or entering restricted areas.
- Damage to property or acting unlawfully.

Respect & Compliance

- Not complying with directions issued by event officials, transport drivers, first aid or medical staff, security or stewards, or Students' Union or University staff.
- Showing disrespect or disruptive behaviour towards any person at the event.
- Conducting yourselves 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.

Social Media & Filming

- Using social media to offend, abuse, threaten or intimidate any player, spectator, match official, coach, staff, or any other participant, whether before, during or after the event.
- Recording or photographing individuals without consent, where it may cause distress, will not be tolerated.

ALCOHOL

- Alcohol may or may not be permitted at Varsity events, depending on the location and nature of the fixture. You will be informed if alcohol will be permitted at an event.
- Only alcohol purchased at the hosting venue may be consumed.
- Security may conduct bag and personal searches before transport and at venue entry, and we reserve the right to search your belongings at any time.
- No alcohol may be brought into venues; any brought in will be confiscated.
- Alcohol is **NOT** permitted on any transport to or from Varsity events.

Please remember that families, including children, often attend Varsity events.



WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS CODE IS BREACHED?

Any breach may result in:

- Immediate removal from the venue.
- Being refused entry to all future Varsity events.
- Loss of transport privileges (you may need to arrange your own return travel).
- Photographic recording of the incident.
- Referral to SU disciplinary procedures.
- Referral to University disciplinary procedures (sanctions may include suspension or expulsion).

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT?

- Speak to any Students' Union or University staff member, who will respond and guide you through the reporting process.
- A staff member will also provide you with the information on how to formally report the incident.

Please also note:

- **Any member of staff working a Varsity event may ask you to present your student ID card at any time. If you are unable to produce your student ID, you may be asked to leave.**
- **We reserve the right to amend or implement new regulations throughout the Varsity programme and for different fixtures.**
- **We reserve the right to cancel Varsity at any point if problems are being experienced.**
- **Serious incidents may impact future Varsity events.**

We hope you enjoy Varsity 2026 and support your teams, Students' Union and University with pride. Varsity takes a great deal of time and effort to organise, and we want it to be safe, enjoyable and respectful for everyone. So, cheer positively, respect others and **Own the Moment**. Thank you for your cooperation in helping make Varsity a successful and memorable experience for all. Enjoy the fixtures.

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