TEAM LEICESTER CODE OF CONDUCT

The collective group of student led sports clubs at the University of Leicester shall be referred to as ‘Team Leicester’. The aims of the Clubs shall be to teach members how to understand all aspects of the game and how to safely and respectfully participate in both training and game situations whilst simultaneously striving to achieve the best of our abilities.

‘Team Leicester’ will adhere to the ‘Code of Conduct’

Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the code of conduct are the following:

- To set a standardised expectation of behaviour across all team members and all sports
- To encourage impeccable sportsmanship, respect and responsibility within members of sports teams
- To create a sporting environment which is empowering, safe and inclusive
- To implement transparent measures whereby a breach of the code of conduct will result in disciplinary measures in order to tackle antisocial behaviour
- To encourage individual members to act as influential ambassadors for Team Leicester

On The Pitch Conduct

In accordance with BUCS regulations, this code of conduct instructs Team Leicester players to adhere to the following:

Please bear in mind that any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with accordingly. These sanctions can include, but are not limited to: disciplinary hearings, training bans, match bans, and bans from Union affiliated events. The disciplinary measures and procedures is currently under review and any changes will be distributed accordingly.
1.1. Every player, coach and spectator has a responsibility to ensure that they conduct themselves in a respectful manner both at matches and at training sessions.

1.2. Every player must train and compete within the rules, and respect the decisions of both coaches and officials.

1.3. Every player will be seen as breaching the code of conduct if they are found to have engaged with any of the following forms of antisocial behaviour; racism, sexism, LGBTQ+phobia, alcohol/drug abuse, disability discrimination, initiations, cultural appropriation and crowd verbal abuse.

1.4. Every player must behave in a way which reflects the core values of Team Leicester, the Students Union and the University.

1.5. Every player must recognise the accomplishments of the opposition.

1.6. Clubs must demonstrate good sportsmanship, and win or lose with dignity.

**Off The Pitch Conduct**

The purpose of this section is to detail what is expected from clubs in regards to the values and ethics promoted by the Students Union and the University. The overall aim is to increase participation in sport. In accordance with Student Union and University policy, this code of conduct instructs Team Leicester players to adhere to the following:

2.1. Ensure all members of the club are responsible representatives, which entails behaving in a manner consistent with this code of conduct.

2.2. Create an inclusive and positive atmosphere, welcoming individuals from all liberation groups.

2.3. Empower members of the club to achieve their best.

2.4. Provide adequate opportunities for beginners and those looking to enhance their performance.

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2.5. Support and respect all members of the ‘Team Leicester umbrella’
2.6. Abide by Student Union’s policies, specifically in relation to initiation, behaviour, alcohol and zero tolerance
2.7. Every player will be seen as breaching the code of conduct if they are found to have engaged with any of the following forms of antisocial behaviour: racism, sexism, LGBTQ+phobia, alcohol/drug abuse, disability discrimination, initiations, cultural appropriation and crowd verbal abuse.
2.8. Members will be regarded as representing their club when wearing club attire or at any club related social event, and any incidents occurring during this period will reflect upon the club itself
2.9. Actively embody the code of conduct, and encourage others to do the same

We, as a collective of student leaders, the Club captains and Presidents of the University of Leicester Team Leicester clubs have read and understood all of the above. We understand that all official and paid Team Leicester members, coaches and spectators are expected to abide by the above policies. We are aware that it is our responsibility to make our memberships aware of the policies for their ‘on and off pitch’ conduct and that it is our responsibility to enforce these policies. We understand that any behaviour that breaches the policies makes the club and or individuals involved subject to sanctions.

As a collective we pledge to ensure that Team Leicester remains a safe and inclusive community for all University of Leicester Students, alumni and staff members.

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