**QMSU Merger Cup - Code of Conduct 2023/24**

All competitors and spectators of Merger Cup 2024 are considered representatives of Queen Mary University and are asked to adhere to the following policy. Anybody found to be in breach of any part of the Code of Conduct may face sanctions (including, but not limited to, point deductions from Merger Cup 2024, club/individual bans from QMSU events and disaffiliation from QMSU Club Sport).

Below is not an exhaustive list of requirements; any acts of misconduct will be individually assessed by QMSU Sport and may result in disciplinary action:

* Students will act in a civilised, polite and respectful manner to all participants, supporters, members of staff and members of the public when representing Queen Mary University Students’ Union at a Merger event.
* Students will always carry their Student ID, and if a member of staff asks to see it, it will be presented upon request.
* Students will not undertake or participate in any activities that jeopardise, threaten or endanger students, staff, visitors or the public.
* Students will not damage, steal or intentionally misuse any property or equipment.
* Students will not provoke, incite or undertake any form of violence, criminal activity or anti-social behaviour.
* Students will not bring the name of the Queen Mary University or Queen Mary University Students’ Union into disrepute.
* Participants will act in the accordance with the rules and regulations relating to the Students’ Union as laid down in the Students’ Union policies and bye-laws.
* If being transported by coach - Alcohol is to not be consumed while being transported to or from any venues and students will respect the coach, driver, and staff. All rubbish/cans/food should be removed from the coach at the end of the journey, and it is the responsibility of each Club’s President to ensure their Club has left the coach in the condition that they would expect to find it.
* It is the responsibility of each individual Committee to make sure that members in their club are aware of these rules and regulations.
* Teams are expected to leave facilities and changing rooms in the same condition as found.
* The following must not be brought within any Merger Cup facility – knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass of any kind, any object that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the event and may face further sanctions.
* The possession or use of any illegal substances whilst at or prior to entering any facility is strictly prohibited.
* Racial, homophobic or discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the event.
* Any objects thrown at other spectators or onto the field of play will result in ejection from the event.

Disclaimer

* Please note that all persons taking part do so at their own risk. In the event a participant feels unwell or is injured they should notify the official in charge of the match immediately and seek help. QMSU cannot accept any liability or responsibility for any injury caused to anyone involved in the Merger Cup.

The link below is to be used as the reporting system to make sure incidents against the code of conduct can be reported and dealt with on the day - <https://forms.office.com/e/bTqt310xTX>. Please forward this to members of your club so that all are aware and have access to the form if it is required.

**As the President of my team/club, I confirm that I have informed all club members of the above and hereby acknowledge, accept and will adhere to the above Code of Conduct on behalf of all registered competitors.**

**DATE: ………………………………………………………………**

**CLUB NAME: ………………………………………………………………**

**PRESIDENT NAME: ………………………………………………………………**

**PRESIDENT SIGNATURE: ………………………………………………………………**