SPORTS POLICY
NON ATTENDANCE AT SPORTING FIXTURES

Purpose: This policy aims to ensure that all learners selected for sporting fixtures fulfil their commitments, promoting responsibility, team spirit, and respect for their teammates and the school.

Scope: This policy applies to all learners selected to represent CBC Boksburg in any sporting fixture.

Compulsory Sport: Learners are reminded that due to the compulsory nature of Sport at CBC Boksburg ,all boys are expected to participate in sports.

Policy Statement:

1. **Commitment and Responsibility:**
    - Once selected for a sporting fixture, students are expected to honour their commitment and attend the fixture as scheduled.
    - Learners must notify the coach or sports director as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the fixture due to illness with a **doctor's note** or any other valid **family emergency** reason.
2. **Notification Requirements:**
    - In the event of illness, a **doctor's note** must be provided to the sports department no later than the day of the fixture.
    - For other valid **family emergency** reasons, parents must communicate with the sports department in advance to explain the absence. Please note that we will only consider reasons if it is an **emergency**.
3. **Consequences of Non-Attendance:**
    - **First Offense:** Learners who **fail to attend a fixture** without prior notification (24 hours) and without a valid reason (doctor's note or parental communication) will receive **two break detentions**. Parents will receive a formal letter informing them of their child's absence and the resulting disciplinary action.
    - **Second Offense:** Learners who **fail to attend a fixture a second time** will receive an additional **detention after school and a meeting** will be scheduled with the learner, parents, and the sports director to discuss the issue.
    - **Continuous flouting** of this policy will impact on the learner/s' recognition in relationship to the **Colours and Awards Policy** as well as **leadership positions.**
4. **Implementation:**
    - Coaches and team managers will maintain attendance records for all fixtures.
    - The sports director will review attendance records and ensure that the policy is enforced consistently.
5. **Communication:**
    - This policy will be communicated to all learners and parents at the beginning of each sports season.
    - The policy will be included in the learner handbook and made available on the school website.

Effective Date: This policy is effective from Friday, 2 August 2024 and will be reviewed annually.

Approval: This policy has been approved by the CBC Boksburg School Management Team.