



MaristCollege
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR SPORTS TEAMS

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS - CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules. The good example you set by respecting the decisions of officials can do much to support this.
- Develop in your child a commitment to honest effort in order to improve their skills and their personal performance.
- Instil in your child the ability to accept losses and setbacks without undue disappointment.
- Develop in your child an appreciation and respect for fair play and encourage them to participate in a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Applaud good play by your child's team and by members of the opposing team.
- Never resort to jeering as a means of seeking advantage over an opposing team. Winning in this manner is not how we play our sport.
- Acknowledge the important role played by your child's coach and give them your full support.
- Remember that the competitive games your child plays are primarily organized for their benefit and enjoyment, not yours.
- Please note that the use of bad language and the harassment of players, coaches, and officials has no place in any area of co-curricular involvement.
- If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise your concern through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.

PLAYERS - CODE OF CONDUCT

All players are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Play by the rules and accept the officials' decisions.
- Display good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents or coaches.

- Take pride in the improvement of your skills and your performance and remember that sport is not just about winning.
- Work equally hard for the benefits of yourself, your team and your school.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- Remember that verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, are not acceptable behaviour.

COACHES/TEACHERS - CODE OF CONDUCT

Teachers and coaches are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Encourage players to display good sportsmanship and to participate within the spirit of the game always respecting the importance of fair play.
- Teach players the rules of the game and ensure they observe them.
- Develop in players, respect for opponents, officials and opposing coaches.
- Provide positive feedback when players improve their skills or performance and help them acquire a sense of achievement when this occurs.
- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the process.
- Remember that players need a coach they can respect, so set a good example by displaying control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport.
- Keep informed of current coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of students of all ages.
- Inform players of the immediate and long term benefits of participating in sporting, cultural and recreational activities.
- Be committed to remove verbal and physical abuse from all activities.
- Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow medical advice when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Ensure that any physical contact between yourself and a young person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or safety.