



CODE OF CONDUCT

for Parents, Spectators, Coaches & Players

Involved in Sport and Physical Activities at St Joseph's Wandal

This Code of Conduct is based on beliefs and values which complement the school's Catholic ethos and mission statement. Involvement in sport and physical activities presents opportunities for character growth, physical development and a positive sense of wellbeing.

Participation and enjoyment are more important than winning. The benefits of enjoyable participation include:

- Improved physical fitness, co-ordination, balance and spatial awareness.
- Enhanced self-esteem and positive feelings towards body image.
- Development of desirable character traits such as self-discipline, resilience and humility.

Therefore the selection of appropriate staff and parents to act as coaches is critical. The role of the coach in promoting, modeling and monitoring desired expectations of enjoyable participation and behaviour is a key ingredient to each student enjoying sport and physical activity.

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play fairly and always by the rules of the game.
- Never argue with or question officials when a decision is made. The captain of the team may ask the umpire/referee to clarify a decision if needed. This must always be done in a courteous manner.
- Be a team player. Co-operate with other team members.
- Always encourage your team members, even when things are not going well. Never criticize or tease another team member.
- Avoid bad language. This only shows a lack of character.
- Be gracious in both victory and defeat. Always treat opposition players with courtesy and respect. Shake hands after the game and congratulate the other team members on their efforts.
- Follow the directions of your coach.

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Coaches should always aim to make participation in the team a positive and enjoyable experience for all children. Therefore, children should be encouraged and praised for their efforts.
- Coaches are responsible for the discipline and behaviour of the players on the team. (Any serious or repeated breach of rules or expectations should be reported to the principal).
- Coaches should model appropriate standards of behaviour at all times. This includes the use of appropriate language and professional interaction with the referee/umpire, other team coaches and players.
- Punctuality is important for training and games. Be well organized with equipment.
- All players need and deserve equal playing time. Avoid the temptation of giving more playing time to the more experienced or competent player/s. Likewise, players from a higher grade should not be substituted into a lower grade at the expense of the players in that grade.

PARENTS'/SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Always encourage players to play according to the rules.
- Model appropriate standards of behaviour at all times. Support all efforts to discourage physical and verbal abuse.
- Always support the role of the coach and officials. Any disagreements with decisions should be raised through the coach in the first instance, then through the school administration if necessary.

STUDENT'S AGREEMENT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I _____ have read the Player's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Student's Name)

PARENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE CODES OF CONDUCT

I support my son/daughter and will encourage and support them to abide by the Players Code of Conduct. I have read the Code of Conduct for parents and spectators and agree to abide by the conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent / Caregiver