

Our Lady Help of Christians School

Sporting Code of Conduct



Whenever children represent Our Lady Help of Christians School in sport, the emphasis for our children will be **fun** and **participation**.

We always expect our students to:

- 1. Try their hardest, to the best of their ability**
- 2. Display good sporting temperaments**
- 3. To have fun when playing sports**

These qualities will be the yardstick of our success, rather than an emphasis on winning at all costs!

Whenever representing our school community, both at school and at other venues, all children are expected to abide by the following code:

- **Play by the rules**
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- **Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.**
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- **Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.**
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- **Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.**
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.**

Positive behaviour on sporting excursions.

Positive behaviour on sporting excursions makes for an enjoyable experience. It also helps to mitigate risk.

Full risk assessments have been completed. Supervision ratios are as required and further risks have been mitigated.

Some or all of the following consequences will apply to children who fail to follow this code, depending upon the seriousness or consistency of the violation of the code:

- ✓ Students will always be expected to **apologise** to offended people (written and/or verbal)
- ✓ Students may receive a **warning** from a staff member or be redirected by a volunteer. The problem will be discussed and acceptable behaviour will be encouraged. If the child is not responsive to this, or the problem is of a more serious nature, further action will be taken
- ✓ Students may be placed in **time-out** to cool down, or do a **community service** (eg tidy an area)
- ✓ Students may be **banned** from participating in an activity,
- ✓ For serious misbehaviour (eg violence, defiance, disobeying directions or instructions, bullying, etc), staff will contact the principal and then the parents of the child. The poorly behaved student will be collected by the family and **leave the sporting excursion** as soon as possible.
- ✓ Students will be expected to **meet** with teacher or principal to explain behaviour, to examine whether further action needs to be taken
- ✓ Students may be required to **write explanatory letters** to family and school about behaviour.
- ✓ Students may **miss out** on future excursions, camps, etc if they cannot control their behaviour in public.