

# Code of Behaviour In Sport

## Policy



### PURPOSE

St John's Grammar School policy guidelines aim to provide an educational purpose and value through sporting activities. The aim is to provide healthy competition between students from varying schools and encourage the importance of sport and healthy lifestyle.

The key characteristics the policy aim to instil are:

- High standards of sportsmanship.
- The provision of safe and suitable of safe and suitable sporting environments and equipment.
- School staff supervision of venues.
- Suitably qualified officiating.
- Courteous conduct from players, coaches/managers and spectators.

All students, staff, coaches, managers and spectators are responsible for ensuring that the above aims are enacted in all St John's Grammar sporting competitions.

### POLICY PROCEDURES

Please note the responsibilities of each participant below.

#### Principal and Heads of Sport

- Foster sound attitudes towards sport in their staff, coaches, managers, students and spectators.
- Provide a safe and suitable environment for training and competition, including appropriate access to medical care, change rooms, toilets etc...
- Show courtesy to visiting schools, when visiting other schools respect their premises and rules.
- Aim to ensure a full team competes each week throughout the season. Where unavoidable change is necessary, early notification to opposing school is essential.
- Ensure adequate staff supervision at all venues.
- Communicate a "Code of Conduct" throughout the school community.

#### Coaches/Staff/Managers

- Remember that school sport primary goals are based around educational and social benefits of the students.
- Encourage student leadership on and off the field and provide as wide a student participation as possible.
- Insist on high standards in sportsmanship, courtesy, punctuality and dress.
- Strongly discourage questioning of umpires' decisions and displays of dissent.
- Intervene promptly to discourage spectators from inappropriate language or behaviour directed towards participants, umpires, coaches or other spectators.
- Implement and follow the 'Code of Conduct'

## Players

- Exhibit high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy at all times.
- Accept the umpires' decision without question or dissent.
- Accept winning with modesty and losing with grace.
- Refrain from:
  - o Inappropriate language (eg. Swearing, abuse, sledging, racist taunts or other verbal harassment etc)
  - o Cheating or unfair tactics.
  - o Deliberate violence to another player.

## Spectators

- Set an example of good sportsmanship by providing support that is constructive and positive.
- Refrain from giving advice to coaches, managers, umpires or players during a match.
- Assume some responsibility for making all spectators feel welcome.
- Respect the premises and rules of a host school.

