



POLICY DOCUMENT

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SPORT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

When playing Sport for Trinity Gardens School, students and coaches are representing the school and therefore are expected to adhere to the Trinity Gardens Sports Policy and Code of Behaviour.

Students must play by the rules, no arguing with officials and manage their own behaviour.

SPORTING EVENTS: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Players / Students

Players will observe the following code of behaviour:

- Students should play in a positive and sporting-like manner.
- The welfare and development of the team should be placed above win and loss records.
- Politeness and courtesy should be extended to the opposition, their supporters and officials.
- Intentional violence, verbal provocation, and retaliation to acts of physical or verbal provocation are unacceptable.
- Official decisions must not be contested or responded to negatively.
- Offensive language, whether directed at an official, another player, a spectator, or oneself, is unacceptable.

Consequences for breaches of this code may include temporary suspension from the game at the time by the coach or sports coordinator. Suspension from future games or for the season, depending upon the circumstances surrounding a particular incident, will be decided by the Sports Committee and Principal.

2. Coaches / Managers / Parents

The school encourages and seeks parent involvement as Coaches and/or Team Managers in school sporting activities.

- Coaches and Team Managers will be required to exercise an appropriate duty of care for all students under their supervision.
- Coaches and Team Managers are not responsible for supervision of player siblings.
- Coach the team in a manner which promotes the team members' adherence to the player code of behaviour (see above).
- Ensure that all team members are given an equal opportunity to participate and develop their skills.



- Trust each team member fairly, praise in public, provide constructive criticism where necessary and in private.
- Extend politeness and courtesy to the opposition, their supporters and the umpire.
- Accept all decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Withhold criticism of the opposition by word or gesture.
- Coaches and/or Team Managers will ensure that the team is suitably organised, that it is able to start and finish on time and that the necessary equipment is provided for the team.
- Parents are responsible for the transportation of their own children from school after matches, and to sporting events held on weekends.
- Parents are responsible for picking up and dropping off children on time.

Consequences for breaches of this code may include removal/suspension from coaching/manager duties for a number of games or the remainder of the season.

3. Spectators

Spectators who are associated with a Trinity Gardens School team are expected to:

- Set a positive example for team players by applauding good play from both sides.
- Extend politeness and courtesy to the opposition team, their supporters and the officials.
- Refrain from verbal abuse or remarks which belittle players or officials.

This Code of Behaviour will be made available to all players representing Trinity Gardens School. It will be used to support and advise on correct spectator behaviour.