



MaristCollege  
Canberra

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### MARIST SPORTS CLUBS

Marist College Canberra values the contribution of all members of the school community, including those involved in our Marist Sports Clubs and associated sports teams.

***As a member of our College community we expect that in all communications and interactions with, on behalf of or in relation to the College, you will always support our Catholic and Marist ethos. You will uphold these values while treating others with respect, demonstrating and modelling behaviour that promotes and supports positive relationships and wellbeing in our College.*** This includes through all direct and indirect interactions, for example on digital or social media platforms.

All players, coaches, managers, volunteers and parents or spectators are expected to respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

To assist the College in providing a safe environment and positive experience for our students who participate in sports offered by the Marist Sports Clubs, it is expected that all players, coaches/managers, volunteers and parent/carers comply with the following guidelines.

### PLAYERS

All players are expected to:

- 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, MANAGERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

All coaches, managers and volunteers are expected to:

- 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 coaches and managers 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.
- 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.

## **PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- 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.
- Instill 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 organised 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 at the College.
- If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise your concern through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.