



Trinity Grammar School Sport Code Of Conduct Expectations

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules, in a spirit of good sportsmanship and accept the official's decisions at all times.
- Play for your own enjoyment and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Strictly refrain from the use of profanities and the verbal abuse of officials and players.
- Strictly refrain from deliberate fouling or provoking opponents, or abusing equipment.
- Work hard for yourself, your team and the School. Strive to improve your skills and your performance.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Respect the rights and dignity of all participants regardless of their ability or background.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

PARENTS

- Focus upon the boys' efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game.
- Teach your son that an honest committed effort is as important as victory, so that the result of the game is accepted without undue exuberance or disappointment.
- Encourage your son to play according to the rules of the game and spirit of fair play at all times.
- Never ridicule your son or another boy for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember boys are involved in organised sports for their benefit and enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Raise any concerns you may have with officials through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember most officials give their time and effort voluntarily for your son's benefit.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of coaches and give them your support.

SPECTATORS

- Trinity encourages boys to support their school teams and to be dressed in the School's uniform while doing so.
- We look to adults to set an example by their self-control, deportment and dress at matches.
- We expect support to be enthusiastic but not to be fanatical or designed to heckle, belittle or disturb the opponents. Booing, whistling or playing and beating musical instruments are in bad taste and are unacceptable.
- Support for any team should never encourage violence or rough or illegal play.
- Good play from both teams should be applauded generously.
- Encroaching onto the field of play or the shouting out of suggestions, disapproval or profanities to players, officials or spectators is not acceptable.
- The area around sporting venues should be left tidy and free of rubbish.

COACHES

- Recognise that games are for enjoyment.
- Create a safe and fair environment by teaching the rules or laws of the game and employing a transparent, objective selection policy.
- Cultivate in your players both a desire to win – which should motivate them towards excellence – and an ability to deal with defeat constructively.
- Develop in your players a respect for the ability of your opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials.
- Welcome the visiting coach, and encourage the Captain of the team to seek out the visiting Captain.
- Be reasonable in your expectations of the players and in your demands upon them. Be sensitive to the age, skill and physical maturity of your players.
- Support and encourage players. Constructive advice should be focused on the mistake and not the person.
- Refrain from encroaching on the field while the game is in progress.
- Be positive in all interactions with officials. Publicly expressing displeasure at the performance of officials cultivates disrespect, an excuse culture in players and ill-feeling between School communities.