

Marymede Catholic College

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Accept decisions of all umpires or referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not criticise players in front of spectators but reserve constructive criticism in private or in the presence of the team.
- Do not criticise the opposing team or supporters by word or gesture.
- Emphasise that the winning of a game is the result of "team work".

PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the officials decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.