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## SPORTING CODE OF CONDUCT COACH

Sport is a vital component of life at McCarthy Catholic College. It provides opportunities to confront challenges, to set goals and work towards achieving them, and the chance to develop fitness and a healthy lifestyle. For many of our students, sport is their chance to shine, to gain self-respect, and as an outlet from study pressures. In team sports, the lessons learned from working as a group are an invaluable life experience.

### Code of Conduct for Coaches

- Actively discourage foul play and / or unsportsmanlike behaviour by players
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability; avoid the tendency to over-use a talented player; treat all players as equals, regardless of their talent
- Show concern and caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician and / or sports trainer to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing
- Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory
- Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with players at all times
- Teach respect for rules and authority, by word and example
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players. Injured players should not be allowed to compete-for their own sake
- Teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their play and the professional game; do not coach them as if they are professionals
- Ensure that your coaching reflects the level and style of the competition being played; do not be a “winner-at-all-cost” coach
- As coach, conduct yourself at all times in a manner, and in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game and respect for all those that are involved in the game – the players, officials, the fans, the parents, the referees and the media

**As a coach of a McCarthy Catholic College team, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the above Sporting Code of Conduct. I accept that breaches of the Codes carry consequences which may lead to the imposition of consequences in line with school policies.**

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**Coach's name**

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**Date**