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SPORTING CODE OF CONDUCT PARENT / SPECTATOR

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. Sport must be enjoyable and the role of parents and coaches is of utmost importance in achieving this.

Code of Behaviour for Parents / Spectators

- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators
- Respect the referee/umpire's decisions – don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game
- Behave – unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials
- Remember that children participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours
- At all times, follow the directions of the ground manager and/or other duty officials
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a game

As a parent of a McCarthy Catholic College student, 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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Parent's name

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Date