



This Code of Conduct applies to all players, umpires, referees, managers, coaches, parents and spectators of St Joseph's School sports teams.

GENERAL

All players, umpires, referees, managers, coaches, parents and spectators should play sport with the following ideals in mind which reflect our 8 C's and Gospel Values:

1. Respect the rules
2. Respect the officials and accept their decisions
3. Respect the opponent
4. Have a concern for equal opportunity
5. Be gracious winners and dignified losers

This means that you should:

AS PLAYERS

1. Co-operate with others and treat them with respect
2. Have fun while developing your skills
3. Know the rules and follow the principles of fair play.
4. Accept the Umpire's / ref's decision without arguing, even if you do not think they are right
5. Swearing and yelling at team mates or the opposition is not acceptable

AS COACHES, MANAGERS, Umpires and Referees

1. Know and respect the rules to set a positive example
2. Teach the values of sportsmanship to your team
3. Never argue with officials
4. Discourage a 'win at all costs' attitude
5. Encourage all players to participate
6. Try to minimise the time on the pitch, unless umpiring
7. All 'talk' is to be encouraging. No negative talk or yelling at players.
8. Create a positive team culture where players are gracious winners and dignified losers. All St Joseph's teams cheer for the opposition and shake hands.
9. Have a goal that all players will develop their skill set and enjoy the sport so that they wish to play again in the next season.

AS PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

1. Never force children to participate - only encourage
2. Talk to your child/player. Encourage them. Are they having fun?
3. Are they learning that being fair and developing new skills are important?
4. Do not encroach onto the playing area
5. Respect the volunteers who are giving up their time to coach, officiate etc.