

SPORTS CHARTER

Introduction

The Mandurah Catholic College Sport Program has been established to further assist our students to achieve their full potential. The Sports program seeks to foster, encourage and value the qualities of teamwork and sportsmanship and to develop self-esteem and a sense of community in our students.

This charter provides guidance and direction for the organisation, management and conduct of the Mandurah Catholic College Sports Program. It is applicable to the operation of both the MCC Sports Club and all Inter-School Sport. The Charter is to be read in conjunction with the MCC Sports Club and Inter-School Sport policies.

Purpose and Scope

The College Sports Program seeks to:

- Provide students with an opportunity for enjoyment.
- Provide an opportunity for all students to represent the College.
- Celebrate participation and support all efforts.
- Build a sense of self-belief and self-confidence in children.
- Engender a Catholic centred approach to sport.

College Sporting Culture

All teachers, coaches, volunteers, parents and supporters can foster the College Sports culture by:

- providing active encouragement to all, irrespective of their level of individual ability.
- encouraging a 'can-do' positive attitude by all students.
- providing supportive, positive communication and behaviour at all times, and
- supporting the development of team values, spirit and resilience.

Members of the MCC Sports Club and Representative Inter-School teams can contribute to College/Club culture by:

- Wearing the College uniform with pride.
- Promoting and encouraging all team members to "hands in" for the College 'War Cry' at all sporting events.

MANAGEMENT OF MCC SPORT PROGRAM

Director of Sport

All sport at MCC is managed by the Director of Sport. The Director is responsible for determining the level, direction and focus of sports activities and programs within the College and for ensuring the highest possible level of student participation. The Director of Sport is also responsible for implementing a College sporting program that is consistent with the Catholic Education philosophy and gives witness of this to students, parents and all members of staff. The Director Sport is responsible for:

- K-12 Inter-School Sport
- the MCC Sports Club
- Inclusive Sports, and
- Associated Catholic College (ACC) Sport.

Inter-School Sports Co-ordinator

The MCC Inter-School Sports Coordinator is responsible to the Director of Sport for the conduct and management of the Secondary Inter-School Sports program. The Inter-School Sports program includes:

- Years 7 – 12 Inter-School Sport
- ACC sport, and
- Inclusive Sports.

Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

The MCC Junior School Sports Coordinator is responsible to the Director of Sport for the conduct and management of the Junior School sport and Inter-School sports. The Junior School Sports Program includes:

- Kindergarten – Year 6 physical education program
- Junior School Inter-School sport.

Assistant to the Director of Sport

The Assistant to the Director of Sport is responsible for providing all administrative and clerical support to the Department of Sport, the MCC Sports Club and the Inter-School Sports Program. The Assistant is also the first point of contact for all internal and external communication with the Sport Department and its staff.

MCC Sports Club Co-ordinators (Soccer, Netball, Basketball)

A Club Sport Coordinator is appointed to manage each of the Club's three sports. The Club Sport Co-ordinator is responsible to the Director of Sport for:

- Liaison with the relevant sport governing body.
- Dissemination of all sport specific information to team members upon registration.
- Collation of registrations and affiliation of team members.
- Organising teams, coaches and managers.
- Managing all other business relating to the individual Sports Program.

Inter-School Sports Program

The College's Inter-School Sports Program has been designed to provide students with an opportunity to participate in a wide range of individual and team sports and to represent the College at an Inter-School level. Opportunities are available for students to participate in the following Inter-School Sports:

Rugby	Football	Golf
Soccer	Hockey	ACC Athletics
Netball	Basketball	ACC Inclusive Sports
Surfing	Body Boarding	ACC Swimming
Equestrian	Tennis	ACC Cross Country
Mountain Biking	Touch Rugby	
Cricket	Sailing	

MCC Sports Club

The MCC Sports Club has been established to organise and manage College sporting teams in three codes - netball, basketball and soccer. College representative teams participate in mid-week and weekend competitions in the local area.

Each of the MCC Sports Club's three Sports Programs are managed by a Club Sport Co-ordinator. Teams are managed and coached by volunteer parents and/or specially selected and suitably qualified students. Without the support of these parents and students, the MCC Sports Club would not be able to function.

Child Protection

All coaches and volunteers involved with a sport offered by the Club must be familiar with the Working With Children Guidelines. These are available on line at <http://www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au/checkwwc>

All Sports Club committee members and coaches must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). Details of how to apply for clearance are also available on line at <http://www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au/checkwwc/Employees+and+Volunteers/How+to+Apply+and+Card+Expiry.htm>

Currently exempt from a formal WWCC are children under the age of 18 and volunteering by parent or close relative (except where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate personal care of children with a disability). This exemption for parents and close relatives includes volunteering assistance with a team, program or other activity in which the child usually participates or is a team member. Volunteers need to:

- ensure children are supervised at all times.
- be aware of situations which may present risks and manage them.
- not show unfair differential treatment or favour particular children, and
- behave appropriately at all times.

Code of Conduct

To achieve the desired developmental goals and outcomes for MCC students, it is considered essential that all Sports Club members, coaches, administrators, parents and supporters actively support the Club's Code of Conduct. By registering their child as a member of the MCC Sports Club, parents/guardians are agreeing to abide by the Club Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Club's policy documents.

Players Code of Conduct

As a player, you are a representative of Mandurah Catholic College. You must conduct yourself in accordance with all College rules, regulations and policies and agree to:

- Play by the rules.
- Treat officials as honest in their intentions and accept official's decisions. Never argue with an official.
- Treat players, opponents, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and other spectators, regardless of race, sex or religion with respect. Abusive language, gestures and actions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at any time.
- Display the qualities of sportsmanship, discipline and respect whilst playing for fun. Be a team player and get along with your other team members.
- Appreciate and support the contribution each person makes to the team; without them there would be no competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage or another competitor.
- Abide the team rules.
- Wear correct team uniform.

Parents, Supporters and Volunteers Code of Conduct

As a parent of a player, team supporter or volunteer, you are a representative of the College. You must respect the College rules, regulations, policies and procedures and agree to:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle agreements without resorting to hostility or violence and by being a positive role model to the players.
- Never ridicule or yell at or criticise a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Promote and maintain a smoke, drug and alcohol free environment for the team.
- Remember that children learn by example.
- Appreciate good or skilful performances and plays by all players.
- Treat players, opponents, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of their race, sex or religion. Avoid abusive language, gestures or actions that may bring discredit to the College or its teams.
- Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches, they are important to the development of the child and the sport. Communicate and support them, but leave coaching to the coaches. Do not coach from the sideline.
- Do not be critical of the game or other players. Should a problem arise, speak directly to the coach.

Communication

Communication with team coaches is to be in accordance with the guidelines provided in the MCC Sports Club Policy.

Communication with all Sports Department staff is to be directed in the first instance to the Assistant to the Director of Sport during working hours only. Meetings with the Director of Sport or Inter-School Sports Co-ordinator will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made by email or College telephone to the Assistant to the Director of Sport. Other than in exceptional circumstances or emergencies, Sports Department staff are not to be contacted outside normal office hours. Coaches, parents or other team support members who have or gain access to the mobile phone numbers of members of the Sports Department are asked not to misuse them, to protect their privacy and not to forward them to others.

Dispute Resolution

All complaints or disputes relating to Inter-School Sport or the MCC Sports Club are to be managed strictly in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures outlined in the MCC Sports Club and Inter-School Sport Policies. Complaints or disputes raised outside these guidelines will not be considered. It is expected that all disputes will be resolved in a polite, courteous manner consistent with the College Sports Code of Conduct.