



Sports Code of Behaviour Policy

College Mission

Cabra Dominican College is a Catholic School in the Dominican tradition. It strives to provide an environment that nurtures and develops young people's unique gifts: liberating them in the search for truth and empowering them to create a better world. Cabra Dominican College is committed to providing an inclusive environment in which all students feel welcomed, safe and valued.

Context

Cabra Dominican College has a long history of sport participation and recognises the importance of participation in sports in educating the whole student. Students of all ages and levels of ability are encouraged to play a sport at Cabra.

Policy Statement

The Sports Code of Behaviour Policy provides guidelines around expectations for players, parents/caregivers and coaches of extra-curricular sport at Cabra.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, parents/caregivers and is supported by staff working within or for Cabra Dominican College.

Principles

Students are encouraged to play sport as it provides opportunities for personal growth and to ensure that sporting occasions are positive experiences for all involved. At Cabra, sport is an opportunity for students to enjoy and benefit from participation in school sport to enable them to develop skills, self-esteem and to encourage fun, fitness and friendships. In essence, sport participation at Cabra:

- provides a safe, healthy and friendly sporting environment that encourages personal achievement and develops self-esteem and confidence;
- enables students to improve personal fitness and develop games skills;
- enable students to participate in sport, regardless of ability, within age restrictions;
- encourages cooperation through the development of team skills.

Responsibilities

Players will:

- accept and play by the rules of the sport and show respect towards officials;
- acknowledge good play by team members and by members of the opposing team;
- play for enjoyment and personal development;
- co-operate with their coach, their team and game officials;
- represent Cabra properly wearing appropriate sports uniform including appropriate outer garment when cold (Cabra rugby jumper or black Cabra spray jacket) at matches;
- be committed to team expectations – recognising their team relies on this commitment;
- treat all players and officials as you would like to be treated;
- respect the rights and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- be fully committed to training and games, including being on time and being adequately prepared.

Parents/caregivers and spectators will:

- set a good example;
- encourage participation, remembering that sport is for their child's enjoyment;
- provide a model of good sporting behaviour for their child;
- demonstrate respect and courtesy to all players, officials, spectators and especially visitors to the school;
- encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty;
- support and respect the efforts of coaches and referees at all times, as well as the coach's decision where their child is behaving inappropriately;
- promote the idea that sport is played for enjoyment and that mistakes are part of a child's development;
- assist the team in a voluntary capacity when possible;
- encourage their child(ren) to be fully prepared for training and games, including being on time and wearing the correct uniform;
- ensure that their child(ren) are collected at the end of games and practices; or, that they advise the coach of alternative arrangements;
- advise the Sports Coordinator, of any grievances, in the first instance.

Coaches will:

- plan, encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills for all team members;
- ensure that training opportunities are appropriate for the age group, the skill and physical development of players in their team;
- give all students a fair chance to participate in training and at games;
- remove from the field or play any player whose behaviour repeatedly does not reflect team expectations;
- be fully prepared for all training sessions and games;
- be constructive, not destructive, in your response to the player's efforts.

Related Documents and References

- Our Restorative Approach Process
- Cabra Principles for Working Together
- SACCS Behaviour Education and Personal Responsibility Policy (2010)
- Code of Conduct: School Sport Australia (2016)
- Cabra Dominican College Student Handbook
- Cabra Dominican College Staff Handbook

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