



# MANDURAH CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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## INTER-SCHOOLS SPORTS GUIDELINES

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**COLLEGE GUIDELINES:**

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***"Mandurah Catholic College is a learning community seeking truth by living out the Gospel values through the Catholic faith and by promoting the holistic and optimal development of each student."***

School-based guidelines are not variations to CECWA Executive Directives. They enact contextual decisions; they have the legal obligation of CECWA policy for people acting under the authority of the Principal. Guidelines are used when there are multiple ways of correctly delivering on a task and there is a need taking in environment, situational awareness and discretion into account in deciding the appropriate course of action.

Please note this document is to be read in conjunction with the CECWA Policy – [Education](#) and the Executive Directive – [Off Site Activities](#)

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### **PURPOSE**

Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) embraces both Intra-School and Inter-School Sports and seeks to foster, encourage in our students to value the qualities of teamwork and sportsmanship and to develop self-esteem and a sense of community. Traditional values of respect, fairness, responsibility and resilience are also developed by student participation in sport.

Participation in Inter-School Sport enables the College community to promote a strong sense of identity. The College seeks to develop a culture and attitude to sport that encourages all students to compete and represent the College at Inter-School events. Students are also encouraged to develop new skills and pursue excellence in their own performance.

Students who excel in sporting endeavours have the opportunity to participate in State and National events. Active support of CEWA and MCC policies, procedures and standards by both parents and students participating in any College Sport is essential if the College's broader educational and personal development objectives are to be achieved.

MCC actively promotes policies and practices for the selection and management of representative teams for Inter-School sport which will:

- Encourage all students to compete or officiate in the spirit of good sportsmanship and to treat all participants with respect and dignity.
- Provide for all students by giving them an opportunity to participate in a supportive sporting environment appropriate to their ability and which is not specifically age based.
- Recognise the importance of the individual with an inclusive approach for all students but one which also offers opportunities for elite athletes aspiring to develop further in their desired sport at State or National level.

### **SCOPE**

Mandurah Catholic College students, staff and parents/guardians.

### **GUIDELINES**

**Head of Sport (Secondary)**

The Head of Sport is responsible for the conduct and management of the Secondary Inter-School Sports Program. The program includes:

- Years 7-12 Inter-School Sport
- ACC Sport
- SSWA Sport

### **Sports Coordinator (Primary)**

The Sports Co-ordinator is responsible for the conduct and management of the Primary School Sports Program. The program includes:

- Kindergarten - Year 6 Physical Education Program
- Primary School Inter-School Sport
- Inclusive Sports

### **Inter-School Sports Registration - Secondary**

All Inter-School Sports events are advertised on SEQTA and the MCC App. All students and parents have access to this information. Students will be directed to register their interest for a specific sport at the Sports Department by a specified closure date. It is the responsibility of students to ensure they are registered on time. Late registrations will not be considered.

### **Player Grading and Team Selections**

Team coaches are appointed by the Head of Sport. If applicable, grading will be conducted by a Grading Panel comprising the Head of Sport, Primary Sports Coordinator and invited coaches. The Head of Sport will oversee the grading and selection process.

Considerable thought and time is given to grading decisions and team selections and each panel assessment will be based on both the assessed **personal** and **sporting** development needs of the student. At the same time, to ensure that the best and most competitive teams are chosen to represent MCC in Inter-School competitions, it is College procedure that the Grading Panel select the best available athletes for all sporting teams.

The decisions of the Grading Panel are final and there is no appeal process for students/parents of students not selected for College sporting teams. No explanation of Grading Panel decisions will be provided. Parents/guardians who do not support this policy should not nominate their children for participation in the Inter-School Sports Program.

### **Eligibility and Criteria for Inter-School Team Selection**

- Demonstrated commitment to CEWA and MCC policies, procedures and standards by both parents and students.
- The student has registered before the nominated closing date.
- The student returns 'Medical/Permission' slip by the designated date, failing to do so will result in the reserve replacing the original selected student.
- Students **MUST** attend the trials to be considered for selection.

**Note:** Apologies for non-attendance at a trial **MUST** be submitted in writing for medical, injury or health reasons **ONLY**. Supporting documentation from a medical professional **MUST** accompany the second apology should trials occur more than once.

To be considered eligible for squad selection prior to the representative team being named, the said student **MUST** have a medical clearance from their health care provider for the injury that prevented their attendance at the original trial.

- Maintenance of academic standards.
- A student's demonstrated level of commitment to the College Sports Program and Inter-School teams in previous years. This is generally reflected in a player's behaviour, attendance at training and commitment.
- Previous successful performances at a higher level than their age division. A student may **NOT** be required to trial with their year group.
- If a student is selected to play in a higher age group or division, the student and parent will be given the first right of refusal without prejudice.
- A student's mental and physical development, skill levels and prior development or representational experience and performance (Regional, State or National level).

Teams will be selected with the strongest, most skilled athletes first. Students named after the initial team list are RESERVES. For example:

## BASKETBALL FIRST V

- Open to trial for students from Year 7 – 12.
- Team number: 10 students
- First V: Most skilled athletes, no restriction to court time.
- Reserves: court time at the discretion of the coach, no guaranteed court time. These team numbers may vary at the discretion of the Head of Sport and coaches.

The above-mentioned example is applicable to all Inter-School teams:

Cricket First XI	Team number 12 students selected
Football First XVIII	Team number 25 students selected
Netball First VII	Team number 10 students selected
Soccer First XI	Team number 15 students selected
Hockey First XI	Team number 16 students selected
Rugby First XV	Team number 20 students selected
Basketball First V	Team number 10-11 students selected

First teams are the most senior teams in the College and are predominantly comprised of Senior School students. Other Inter-School teams are based on single or combined year groups dependant on the competition, eg, Netball High School Cup – Junior Years 7/8, Intermediate Years 9/10, Senior Division Years 11/12. Outstanding students may be selected to play in a higher division to their year group.

### **Court/Playing Time**

Playing time for games is NOT guaranteed for any player. All decisions relating to playing time for team members resides exclusively with the team coach. Disputes about team selections or playing time with coaches by parents or supporters, during or after games, are not considered as acceptable behaviour and will be serious breaches of the Inter-School Policy and Code of Conduct. **Queries or complaints relating to court time will not be considered.**

### **Expectations for Inter-School Representatives**

Students are to ensure that they adhere to all directives from their coach. Students are also expected to be supportive of their team members, opposition players and officials always.

### **Communication with Coaches**

Time permitting, all coaches are available to parents to discuss matters NOT relating to team selection or playing time. A coach may be contacted in person or by telephone in a polite, courteous manner consistent with the Inter-School Policy and College Code of Conduct.

If a parent/guardian has a disagreement or dispute on a matter related to the team or its members, a coach can be contacted in person or by telephone after a 48-hour 'cooling off' period after the game or incident. All contact is to be polite and courteous and consistent with the Code of Conduct for players and parents/guardians outlined in the MCC Sport Charter. While this process may appear to be unnecessarily strict, it has been rendered essential by past incidents where coaches have been subjected to unreasonable and unacceptable abuse by parents.

### **Dispute Resolution**

Where a dispute/grievance occurs, an attempt should be made in the first instance to resolve it by direct negotiation with the coach. When a matter cannot be resolved by negotiation with the coach, the matter can be referred to the Head of Sport (Secondary) or Sports Coordinator (Primary). If a matter still cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, a formal, written statement of dispute or complaint may then be submitted through the Head of Sport (Secondary) or Sports Coordinator (Primary) for resolution by the College Principal. Disputes, grievances or complaints not processed in this manner will not be considered.

### **Selection of Coaches**

Coaches are predominately sourced from PE teachers and school staff however on occasion experienced parents may be approached to assist. Parents who volunteer, generally have a sound background, knowledge and experience in their particular sport.

All coaches contribute a significant amount of their personal and family recreation time to assist with the personal and sporting development of our students. It is expected they will be always treated with courtesy, consideration and respect.

## **Player Behaviour**

All students are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the College Code of Conduct.

- Team members are to behave appropriately and follow all directions from their team coach.
- Team members are to provide encouragement and support to other team members irrespective of the level of skill.
- Prior to, at intervals during the game and at the game's conclusion, players are to huddle with their coach (NOTE: the huddle is for players and coach only).
- Players should show respect for their opponents and acknowledge the efforts of opposition players and match officials.
- Players should be punctual for all team training and matches. (Note: Coaches should be notified if players are delayed or unable to attend training or team games. Failure to notify the coach may result in a decision to limit playing time in subsequent games. Regular non-attendance will be reported to the Head of Sport).
- Breaches of the Code of Conduct will be documented by Head of Sport as appropriate. Repeated breaches may result in suspension from the team.

## **Parent/Guardian Behaviour**

- Breaches of the Code of Conduct by parents/guardians may be reported to the Head of Sport. Matters which cannot be resolved by negotiation between the parent and Head of Sport will be referred in writing to the Principal.
- Repeated bad behaviour will be reported to the Head of Sport, suspension maybe considered.
- Repeated bad behaviour will be reported to the Principal, further action maybe considered.

## **Team Management**

- Occasions will arise when coaches need to provide information to players, parents or guardians at times other than scheduled training or game days. To ensure such information is available to all team parents and to avoid any breakdown in communication, coaches must ensure that all parents and the Head of Sport are included on the distribution list for all email/SEQTA correspondence.
- To ensure the highest ethical and behavioural standards are maintained at the College, team coaches, managers and administrators are to ensure that their behaviour is always consistent with the principles and standards laid down in the Australian Sports Commission Code of Ethics for Coaches as well as the specific requirements established in the College's Code of Conduct and associated documents.
- Coaches and managers must be mindful of always using appropriate language when responsible for the control and management of minors and young, impressionable players.

**Inappropriate language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.**

## **Transport**

Parents are also reminded that they have an obligation to collect their child from all training sessions at the time designated by the coach. Coaches are volunteers and whenever possible will not leave a child unsupervised. Coaches however have their own families and commitments and cannot reasonably be expected to wait more than five minutes to care for children after training. Parents are expected to notify the coach and to make alternative arrangements if delayed or otherwise prevented from picking up their child after training.

Student travel by motor vehicle to or from a sporting venue or College grounds with another parent, supporter or student will only occur with the written or verbal approval of the parent or guardian. Such approvals must be communicated directly to the team coach. Students will not be permitted to travel by vehicle without parental approval.

Transport to and from Inter-School events is arranged by the College. Students will travel by bus to venues unless other prior arrangements have been discussed with the Sports Department. Buses will depart from and return to Ravendale Drive for Secondary School teams and from Coodanup Drive for Primary School teams.

## **Social Media and Privacy**

Parents and coaches are to comply with CEWA and College policies, procedures, and guidelines as well as the College Code of Conduct.