



Saints United Code of Conduct

Saints United is a club consisting of 5 Hamilton Catholic Schools: St Pius, St Columba's, Marian, St Joseph's and St Peter Chanel. The Special Catholic Character of our schools is expressed through the values and actions of the students, teachers and the wider school community.

It is important to our club that all children have a pleasant and rewarding experience when they participate in team sports. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to give the coaches, managers and parents guidelines as to what is expected of a team representing our schools.

Teams are assembled on a basis of age and skill. If the sport requires a trial process, all children will be given the opportunity to trial for the "A" team. The trial process needs to be transparent and clearly communicated to parents and children prior to the trials taking place. Only in exceptional circumstances will children be allowed to play outside their age bracket. Should the selection process not clearly identify the teams and players in a ranking order (A, B, C) the final decision on team selections will be made at the discretion of School Personnel.

Once a child has trialed for a Saints United Sport and been placed in a team, the school will not release the child to play for an alternate school or club for that year.

It is important that all people involved with a team have a role to play and that every person becomes a representative of their school. We have adopted the following guidelines. Your acceptance of these conditions is important as we work together to promote positive sports behaviour.

Coaches

Thank you for giving up your time to be a coach for a Saints United School sports team. Without your support the children would not have the opportunity to participate in their desired sport.

- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- be reasonable in demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players are at practice or at a game is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities over the season.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the average players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Contact the Saints United School Sports Coordinator immediately should any issues or concerns arise.
- Organize a regular practice for the team.
- Be organized for the practice.
- Be organized for the game on game day.

Managers

Thank you for giving up your time to manage a Saints United School sports team. Without your support the children would not have the opportunity to participate in their desired sport.

- To support the coach to make the team run more smoothly.
- If the teams have a surplus of players a roster should be made at the start of the season to ensure that all players will get even playing time over the season.
- To liaise between the coach and parents, communicating practice times and game times.
- To ensure the first aid kit is up to date.
- To register the team at the game if need be.
- To check proper safety gear is worn.
- To administer first aid to injured players.

Parents

We will:

- Encourage our child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions.
- Teach our child to respect the efforts of their opponents.
- Remember that children learn best by example so we will applaud good plays/performances by both our child's team and their opponents.
- Give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- Support our child's efforts and performance.
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for our child.
- Help when asked by a coach or official.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Contact the Sports Coordinator if we have any concerns which are unable to be sorted out with the coach and/or manager.
- Send children to practices and games with required gear, sufficient food and drink.
- Let the coach know if anyone else is picking our child up from a game or practice.
- Get our child to the game at the required time, allowing for warm up time.

Spirit of the Game

All participants must endeavor to promote, encourage and foster a healthy and constructive attitude to and in all sports representing Saints United. It should always be remembered that you are there to organize, teach skills and tactics and to encourage the players. The players play the actual game not you as parents or supporters.

REMEMBER

THE WAY YOU PLAY THE GAME SHOWS PART OF YOUR CHARACTER.

THE WAY YOU LOSE SHOWS ALL OF IT!

