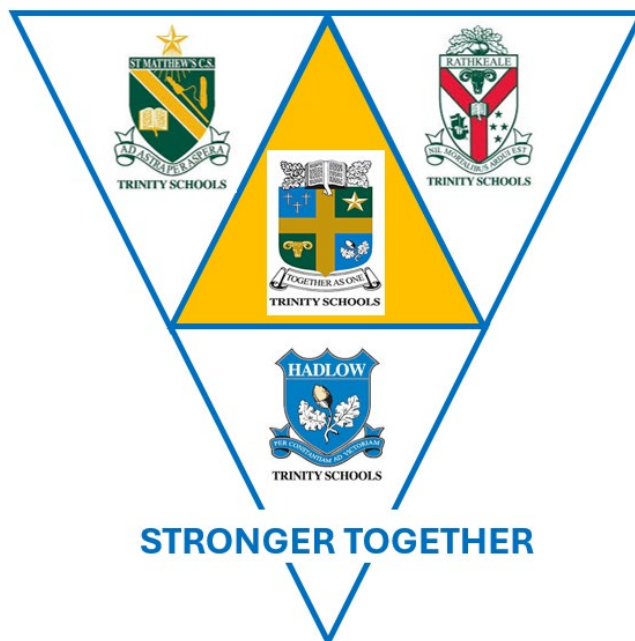




TRINITY SCHOOLS SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT 2025

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Overview

This guide is designed to be informative and provide a transparent and up front overview of the code of conduct for sports across the Trinity Schools – using the “Balance is Better” philosophy. Visit: balanceisbetter.org.nz for more guidance.

Wherever possible an integrated approach to conduct is taken across our schools to promote confidence and consistency. However, a more bespoke approach may be taken by some of our schools depending on the specific goals and circumstances of particular sporting codes.

Longer term, in response to the vision, values, and principles of the TSSS, we envisage that we will continue to update this document in response to student aspirations and the wider expectations of our school community and stakeholders.

Guided by the recently endorsed TSSS, we also hope to increase the breadth and consistency of documentation to help provide: “Sport opportunities that build a connected school community and provide positive experiences.....and a lifelong love of being active”.



8. Recognize and respect the diverse backgrounds, abilities, and aspirations of all players.
9. Adhere to school policies and maintain open communication with school sports staff

Code of Conduct for Parents and Caregivers

1. Positively encourage and support all players, focusing on effort over results.
2. Respect the decisions of coaches and officials, even if you disagree.
3. Model good sportsmanship and self-control on the sidelines.
4. Emphasize that sport is for the enjoyment and development of young people.
5. Ensure your child attends all practices and games as required, in the correct uniform.
6. Communicate any concerns and disputes respectfully through appropriate channels.
7. Do not engage in debate with coaches or officials from the sidelines; leave this to the team coaches.
8. Support the school's policies, including creating a smoke-free, alcohol-free, and drug-free environment at all events.
9. Thank those who volunteer their time to support school sports.

Code of Conduct for Supporters

1. Cheer for and support all players, respecting both teams and the officials.
2. Refrain from negative comments or ridicule directed at players, officials, or coaches.
3. Recognize and applaud good play from both teams.
4. Maintain self-control and avoid disruptive behaviour on the sidelines.
5. Respect the young players' enjoyment of the game over any personal expectations.
6. Show appreciation for the efforts of officials, coaches, and players who make the game possible.
7. Do not engage in debate with coaches or officials from the sidelines; leave this to the team coaches.
8. Follow all school guidelines and policies when attending games or event



Consequences for Breach of the Code

At the Trinity Schools, we believe that sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork form the foundation of positive sporting experiences. All students, parents, coaches, managers, officials, spectators and supporters are to uphold the standards outlined in these codes of conduct.

The Trinity Schools Sports codes of conduct is designed to apply to attendance and participation in sports events and breaches of the codes of conduct should therefore be managed through the TSSS disputes and complaints procedure and in a manner appropriate to the significance of the breach. If, for example, the breach is minor then the matter can be dealt with informally as outlined in the procedure. A more significant breach may require a more formal procedure to be followed.

See disputes & complaints procedure for further details.

The Trinity Schools codes of conduct set out the behavioural standards expected of our wider community when participating in Trinity sports activities. Many sports governing bodies will have their own codes of conduct, and breaches of these may lead to disciplinary action taken by the that governing body under its own procedures.

The disputes and complaints procedure has been developed so that it sits within the school's concerns and complaints policies. Issues arising outside of sports will be managed through each school's concerns and complaints policies. These can be found on each school's School Docs websites:

- Hadlow: [Hadlow Preparatory School Policies and Procedures](#)
- St Matthew's: [St Matthew's Collegiate](#)
- Rathkeale: [Rathkeale College](#)

Related Documents

Dispute & complaints process



Appendix One – Trinity Sports Contract (Example Only)

All students and parents are required to complete the Sport Contract at the time of enrolment (and annually?) and are to ensure all areas are adhered to for the duration of the student's time at the Trinity Schools either as part of a team or as an individual, whether activity is on site at one of the Trinity Schools or at any other venue. To be completed and returned to the Sport Office.

Student Name:

Year Level:

1. Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials with respect and dignity.
2. Play to the best of your ability and within the rules of the game.
3. Uphold the principles of fair play, demonstrating humility in victory and grace in defeat.
4. Accept officials' decisions without argument or inappropriate gestures.
5. Attend all practices, games, and tournaments. Notify your coach in advance if unable to attend.
6. Wear the correct Trinity Schools uniform during all practices and games.
7. Display self-control at all times, refraining from physical or verbal misconduct.
8. Take responsibility for your commitments and communicate effectively with your team.
9. Thank opponents, officials, and coaches at the conclusion of every game.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/caregiver name

Parent/ Caregiver Signature

Contact Details



Appendix Two – St Matt’s Collegiate First Team Code of Conduct (example only)

Dear (student)

Congratulations on your selection in the St Matthew's Collegiate (Team)

Participation in sport at St Matthew’s Collegiate is an expectation. Selection in a premier team is both a recognition of your talent and a privilege. With this privilege comes the responsibility for you to role model on the sports field, in the classroom, around the school and in the community. The expectations of you as a premier player are that you demonstrably represent the legacy of those who have come before you, and your coaches, and by committing fully to your position in this first team.

Being a successful sportsperson requires you to make sacrifices and decisions which require maturity and a single-minded desire to succeed. You have a significant profile around the school and the school expects you to be a role model to all other students. Therefore, we expect you to:

- *Live and role model the school values - meaningful relationships, integrity, high expectations and respect.*
- *Attend all classes as required and meet all homework and assessment deadlines set by your teachers.*
- *Attend all practices and communicate with coaches and managers if you are unable to do so, there is a requirement to attend so many Trainings if you expect to be considered for Tournaments.*
- *Wear the correct school uniform and ensure your dress sets an example for other students, both on and off the field.*
- *Follow the school rules and in doing so set an example to others.*
- *Support other sports teams and be an ambassador of your school.*

We are confident that your selection will see you honouring the code of conduct both on and off the field. Should you fail to adhere to the code of being in a premier team, possible consequences could be restriction from or removal from participation in this team. Such a determination will be in consultation with the Principal, Director of Sport, and Coach.

Congratulations on your selection. We wish you the very best for the season, which we will watch with keen interest.

Principal

Director of Sport

I have read and agree with the requirements to play for the 1st in 20.... I look forward to a successful season both on the sports field, in the class room and around the school community in general.

Student's Name:

Date:

Student's Signature:

Parent/caregiver signature: