

NAZARETH CO-CURRICULAR SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

All students, staff, coaches and spectators involved in the Nazareth Co-Curricular Sports program act as ambassadors of the Nazareth Catholic College and its vision and mission. As such, it is an expectation of all to uphold values such as respect, sportsmanship, teamwork and care.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe, inclusive, and positive sporting environment for all.

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Players

Players are responsible for:

- exhibiting high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy at all times.
- accepting the umpire's decision without question or dissent.
- displaying modesty in victory and dignity in defeat.
- respecting all facilities, equipment, teammates, opponents, and officials.
- behaving in a way that enhances the reputation of the College.
- following all sport-specific rules and expectations.

Players must refrain from:

- using inappropriate language (e.g. swearing, abuse, sledging, racist or discriminatory remarks, verbal harassment).
- cheating, unfair tactics, or attempts to provoke or belittle opponents.
- any form of deliberate violence towards another participant.
- bringing the school or sport into disrepute through behaviour that is inappropriate or unsafe.
- arguing with, or showing disrespect towards teammates, coaches, officials, team managers or spectators, including questioning decisions in an inappropriate manner.
- posting negative or harmful content about teammates, coaches, officials, or opponents on social media.

Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators are responsible for:

- modelling positive behaviour and good sportsmanship at all times.
- fostering a welcoming environment for visiting spectators and respect the expectations and facilities of host schools.
- avoiding negative comments, criticism, or any behaviour that could be seen as hostile or intimidating towards players, officials, or other spectators
- keeping clear of playing areas and following any instructions provided by officials or school staff.
- ensuring other children in their care are supervised and behave appropriately during matches.

Parents / Spectators must refrain from:

- giving advice to or questioning coaches, umpires, managers, or players during a match.
- bringing the school or competition into disrepute through inappropriate comments, language, or behaviour.

Coaches / Managers

Coaches and Managers are responsible for:

- prioritising the educational, physical, social, and emotional development and care of students above winning.
- promoting a positive team culture, reinforcing respect, resilience, and responsibility.
- encouraging student leadership and teamwork on and off the field.
- providing equal opportunities for students to grow, learn, and contribute, regardless of ability level.
- modelling and upholding high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, punctuality, and dress.
- communicating clearly and respectfully with players, parents, officials, and opposition staff, maintaining a positive tone.
- planning and delivering safe, well-structured training sessions that align with age-appropriate guidelines.
- discouraging public questioning of umpiring decisions and any displays of dissent.
- Intervening promptly in cases of unacceptable behaviour (e.g. removing a player from the game or applying another appropriate sanction).
- ensuring all training and competition facilities are respected.
- ensuring students' safety and supervision until all players have been collected after training or matches.
- behaving in a way that enhances the reputation of the College.

Together, we commit to:

building a culture of respect, learning, and community pride, ensuring that the Nazareth CoCurricular Sports program remains a positive and enriching experience for everyone involved.



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PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Sport at Nazareth is an important part of student life, offering opportunities for skill development, teamwork, leadership, and connection. Participation is encouraged but not compulsory*.

**Students who elect to study a Specialist Curriculum Sport Subject are required to participate in Co-Curricular Sport.*

Fee Structure

An annual \$300 co-curricular sports fee is charged to families, whether students participate in one sport or multiple sports throughout the year. This fee contributes to coaches payments and competition/association costs.

After nomination and team placement, parents/guardians will receive a letter outlining the payment process.

Uniform & Presentation

Students are required to wear the appropriate Nazareth uniform when representing the College. Individual sport-specific uniform requirements are outlined in the R-12 Co-Curricular Sports Handbook.

Nazareth students take pride in their personal presentation. Wearing the correct uniform promotes identity, unity, and community in sports programs.

Team Movement & Changes

- Students are not permitted to change teams or activities without the approval of the relevant Sports Coordinator.
- Team lists are final once competitions commence, except under exceptional circumstances.

Student Expectations

Students who nominate for sport at Nazareth are expected to:

- commit to all scheduled trainings and fixtures for the entirety of the season
 - Summer Season: Term 1 & 4** (Year 12 students may choose to be exempt from Term 4)
 - Winter Season: Term 2 & 3**
- arrive to trainings at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time, prepared and ready to train
- arrive to games at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time, prepared and ready to warm up/play
- communicate with Coach and Girls/Boys Sport Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance, when unable to make a training or game. We ask that valid explanation is provided and that where possible, appointments or other commitments are scheduled outside of training and match fixtures.
- uphold the Nazareth Sports Code of Conduct and governing body expectations (SSSA, SAAS, SACSSGSA).



Consequences

The following consequences will apply to students who do not meet the student expectations of the program outlined above.

First Breach – Written Warning

- A written warning will be issued by the Boys / Girls Sports Coordinator.
- The breach and warning will be documented and uploaded to SEQTA and visible to parents/caregivers.
- The student will be reminded of expected standards and informed of potential consequences for further breaches.

Second Breach – Meeting with Boys/Girls Sports Coordinator

- Expectations for behaviour, attitude, and effort will be clearly outlined.
- Parents/caregivers will be informed of the meeting outcome and monitoring process.
- The student will be informed of potential consequences for further breaches.

Third Breach – Formal Meeting with College Leadership and Parent/Caregivers

- A formal meeting will be held with the student, a College leader and parents/caregivers
- Students will be removed from training and games for an agreed period
- Failure to demonstrate improvement may lead to removal from the Cocurricular Program

Fourth Breach – Removal from Co-Curricular Sport

- Continued failure to meet the expectations of the program will result in removal from all Co-Curricular Sport.
- This decision will be communicated to parents/caregivers by College leadership.
- Re-entry into the program is not guaranteed and will be considered at the school's discretion

*In cases of significant breaches, an accelerated disciplinary process may be applied.

