



## Sport at St Aloysius' College

### Parents as Supporters

These guidelines are designed to assist parents to encourage and support their child's participation in sport at St Aloysius' College. Our aim is to encourage collaborative working with parents, confident that the outcome will be a more positive and developmental experience, not only for your child, but for all participants, staff and spectators.

Sport is fun and rewarding. It also acts as a vehicle for personal development both in terms of sporting performance but also in giving young people the skills to manage social relationships, deal with success and disappointment and show commitment and responsibility. Our sport provision is pupil-centered and teacher/coach-directed. We provide opportunities for all pupils who wish to go beyond their curricular Physical Education and sport so that they can take part in a variety of sporting activities. We also provide opportunities for those who display a particular talent in sport by facilitating their participation in their representative sport.

All of our staff try to ensure that young people have a measure of success that reflects their hard work, commitment and talents, but we also wish to provide a basis for future participation and achievement. Striving for excellence also implies enjoyment, satisfaction, personal progress, concern for others, positive sporting values, and social skills. The positive engagement of parents and carers can be transformative in a young person's sporting development. Our hope is that you will join us in creating a sporting environment that promotes these important values.

#### General support

1. Encourage your child to participate in sport; stress the positive benefits.
2. **Discuss your child's participation**; understand their goals and ambitions.
3. Stress the quality of effort and performance rather than outcomes/results.
4. Never evaluate performance or progress in terms of your own perceptions or desires.
5. Ensure that your child has appropriate clean kit and has water and sustenance before, during and after participation.
6. Confirm travel arrangements for 'drop off' and 'pick up'; confirm emergency arrangements. Ensure any changes are communicated to a member of staff.
7. Reinforce College values in relation to sportsmanship and behaviour towards the opposition.
8. Never use social media to comment negatively about officials, teachers/coaches or players.
9. Ensure that any signs of injury or illness are communicated to appropriate staff in a timely fashion.
10. **Do not 'analyse' your child's performance**: stress positive features.

#### Relationship with the teacher/coach

1. Avoid confronting or questioning critically the teacher/coach's judgement or actions during competition or training.
2. Arrange to speak with the Head of PE or senior member of staff on duty if there are any issues you wish to raise.
3. Do take an interest in your child's progress.
4. Trust the teacher/coaches' management of the team/squad, and their training and competition methods.

5. Do not become tempted to interfere with the teacher/coach's decision making. Our teachers/coaches will always attempt to balance the interests of the individual with the welfare of the group as a whole.
6. Parents/supporters are reminded not to encroach onto the playing surface or technical areas throughout the match.

### Conduct of Parents

1. Use positive encouraging language. Never use insulting, abusive or offensive language.
2. Do not comment publically on refereeing/umpiring decisions.
3. Celebrate effort and good play by both sides. We would wish you to treat the **opposition as you would St Aloysius' College**.
4. Do not offer specific technical or tactical advice during competition.
5. Do not encroach on the playing/competition surface.
6. Unless particularly qualified to do so, do not immediately become involved in the diagnosis and treatment of injuries. The College has appropriate arrangements to deal with such situations.
7. Do not embarrass your child by singling out aspects of their performance during the competition, but do encourage in a general fashion.
8. Lead by example and encourage other parents to do likewise.
9. Treat teachers and coaches with consideration and respect.

We are delighted that our parents want to support our young people and are so committed to College sport. We are fortunate that overwhelmingly this is a civilized and sociable activity. **Should anybody's conduct lead there to be** a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young people or impact upon the capacity of staff to supervise our young people then the Head Master retains the right to ask any spectator to modify their behaviour or to leave the grounds. This is in line with the contract all parents have with the College.

### Our teachers and coaches will:

1. Treat you with consideration and respect.
2. Use positive, encouraging language when communicating with you.
3. Treat each parent as an individual and make adjustments to meet individual needs
4. Demonstrate a clear commitment to non-discriminatory practices.
5. Never condone inappropriate behaviour by children or staff
6. Seek appropriate support from member of SLT on duty/Head of PE & Sport for any issue that may have an adverse effect on their professional practice and reputation.

### Finally ...

We never forget that you have a right to expect:

- ✓ To be informed about your child's progress
- ✓ To be informed about the team/club's goals and development principles
- ✓ Qualified and experienced staff to manage and direct training and competition
- ✓ Appropriate safety practices and procedures to be in place
- ✓ To be informed in a timely fashion about injuries or other welfare issues.
- ✓ The College's values to be infused and upheld throughout our sport provision.

We all hope that you will join us in ensuring that your child is able to make the most of a wonderful opportunity to participate **in sport at St Aloysius' College** by supporting the teachers, coaches and pupils.