

## **Guideline to attach to Sports Guidelines:**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS AT SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to encourage fair, ethical treatment of all persons and sports teams that come under the umbrella of St Benedict's School.

#### **Parents, Caregivers and Supporters will:**

- Agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.
- Be punctual and reliable
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not that of the parents, caregivers and supporters.
- Encourage children to participate.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Be supportive of all the players in your child's team.
- Applaud good play, not only by your child's team, but also by the opposition.
- Encourage children always to compete according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Remember that children learn best by example and how everyone models our EPIC Gospel Values.
- Support all efforts to remove oral and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators.
- Ensure your child is properly equipped for practices and match days (including being prepared for the weather).

#### **Parents, Caregivers and Supporters are asked to never:**

- Ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Publically point out mistakes your child may have made on the field.
- Issue instructions or directives to the players from the sidelines. Leave it to the coaches.
- Publicly criticise coaches, referees, or club officials.
- Force an unwilling child to play.
- Criticise or ridicule your child or other players.
- Use obscene or inappropriate language.

**Players will:**

- Demonstrate our EPIC Gospel Values and being proud of our school
- Play to win but play fair.
- Never argue with or orally abuse an official.
- Accept defeat with dignity.
- Conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner and respect fellow players, coaches, managers and referees and the achievement of opponents.
- Not bully or take an unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with their coach, manager, team mates and opponents.