



ST MARY'S CBS SPORTS POLICY

Introduction:

Sport has a major role to play in school and society. As the Latin Dictum states, *mens sana in corpore sano*, (a healthy mind in a healthy body). Participation in school sport makes a major contribution to the students' education and to their physical, social and emotional development. Educators /coaches must make use of the opportunities that sport and sporting activities provide in order to help to help the students to grow and develop as persons.

Aim:

Our aim is to create opportunities for students to participate in a wide variety of sports.

Principals:

Our school sporting environment provides for:

- Enjoyment of playing
- Proficient teaching and development of skills
- A balanced attitude towards competition where winning and losing must be handled in a spirit of true sportsmanship.
- Harmonious interaction between teacher / coach and student and between fellow students.
- Exposure of students to a variety of sports so that a "carry over" to later life may be possible.

Spirit:

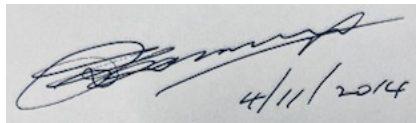
On and off the field there should always be a good spirit. Team spirit encourages children to participate not only for themselves but also for the team.

General:

- Coaches/educators are, at all times, responsible for the students in their care.
- All sporting accidents must be recorded on Accident Report Sheets on the day, if possible.
- For away games, it is school policy that all players use transport organized by the school.
- It is the responsibility of coaches that all school equipment should be cared for properly and returned to its appropriate location after use.

- It is forbidden to wear any jewelry when participating in any physical activity.
- The correct attire must be worn for participation in all sporting activities.
- 48 hours' notice should be given to the Deputy Principal regarding any up-coming fixture.
- A budget will be provided to the sports department at the beginning of the school year.
- Any student who omits himself from a school panel for a scheduled match may be dropped from the sports panels for the remainder of that school year.
- Participation by the school in sporting competitions is not allowed after Easter with two exceptions:
 - i. A competition which commenced before Easter but still must be completed.
 - ii. Track 7 Field Athletics which is always held after Easter.
- Students cannot postpone a Friday Detention in order to represent the school.
- Suspended students cannot represent the school while on suspension.
- Any person from outside the school staff who is assisting our team coaches must be vetted.

This policy was reviewed by the Staff and Parents Council and approved by the Board of Management on November 4th 2014.



Signed.

Bobby Connolly
Board of Management Chairperson