



REDFIELD COLLEGE

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The Importance of Sport in the Redfield Curriculum

Sport, and in particular team sports, are most important in the development of character. The physical, social and psychological demands inherent in sport build genuine virtues such as friendship, fortitude, endurance, optimism, co-operation and responsibility.

Consequently, in addition to the weekly timetabled sport and PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) periods, the College encourages all boys to participate in at least one sports team yearly with all the associated commitments to training which that implies.

A strength of Redfield lies in the unity between teachers and parents. Their cooperation and friendship in the management and support of teams reinforces their esteem in the eyes of the students.

Parents, whenever possible, are asked to attend games. Besides the obvious benefits of spending time with their sons, their help with the duties of managing, umpiring, etc., is indispensable.

Through the tutorial system of the College the boys benefit from the effective feedback tutors receive from coaches and managers.

Student Code of Sporting Conduct

- On and off the field, above all, charity to all.
- I play fairly, according to the rules, and in a good spirit.
- I grow in friendship with my team-mates. I am a team player. I encourage my team mates, and am pleased when they do well.
- I never blame or criticize my team mates or the referee.
- With good grace I accept the referee's decision and the result of the game. I shake hands cheerfully with the opposition.
- I proudly wear the Redfield sports uniform when I am competing for the College.
- I give my full cooperation to all parents and adults who are associated with the team or competition.
- I fulfil my responsibilities to the team of training and being punctual to games.
- I keep up my best efforts right to the last whistle. I never give up in a game.
- I know how to lose gracefully and with dignity.
- I know how to win gracefully and with humility.

Role of the Sports Master

The College Sports Master has the responsibility of programming and overseeing the sports curriculum and optional extra-curricular sporting activities offered by the College.

His role includes the following duties:

- concern to ensure that student involvement in sports serves first and foremost to develop character;
- promotion amongst the students of sportsmanship, team spirit, respect for others;
- physical education programming, sports carnival organization, etc;
- liaison between Redfield School Committee and Redfield sports clubs, and, at times by delegation to other members of staff or parents, with zone sporting organizations, club competition organizations, etc;
- arranging, at times with the assistance of Redfield sporting club committees, teams, coaches, and managers of all College teams participating in either inter-school or club competition;
- ongoing supervision of sporting teams, assisted by feedback from coaches and managers;
- quality control in coaching, assisting coaches of all teams with safe and effective coaching methods.

College policy regarding team sports

- All boys should participate in at least one sports team each year.
- Unless there are particularly extenuating circumstances, if a sport is already being offered through the school, boys should play for the College rather than a club team. Our small school numbers and the desirability of always providing choices (eg. between soccer and rugby in each age group) dictate that we must maximize our numbers in College sports teams.
- Teams in inter-school competitions (principally those in zone competitions) will be coached and managed by teachers.
- College teams entered in club competitions (such as Dural Recreation Centre basketball, Saturday morning sports, etc.) will be managed by a parent and coached either by a teacher (if available) or parent.
- The Sports Master will only enter teams into competitions when there are sufficient numbers of boys committed to the team and its training, and when the coach and manager positions have been filled. Final selection of a squad for a particular competition is at the discretion of the Sports Master and the team coach and manager.
- Coaches and Managers of primary teams in particular are asked to rotate boys through the duties of reserves, orange boys, etc., at least during the normal rounds of the competitions. Of course the coach may pick his strongest teams for particular games, but he should ensure that even the better players take their turns at reserves. Also, whenever possible, he can give everyone a run at each game.
- Boys representing the College must at all times be attired in the complete and correct school sports uniform. Boys without the correct uniform should not be allowed to take the field.

Coaching and Managing Guidelines

- Coaches and managers should keep weekly contact with the Sports Master, completing the match report form, and (in the case of parent coaches) passing on any relevant information (outstanding performances, non-attendance, misbehaviour, poor presentation, etc.) requiring follow-up at school during the week.
- Coaches should also pass on to the Sports Master any information that would be useful for the tutors of the participating boys.
- Coaches should try to keep parents informed of particular skills that their sons would do well to work on.
- Coaches and managers are asked to publish draws, rosters of reserves, etc. at the start of the season.
- All notices of write-ups of games for inclusion in the Red must reach the College office no later than 12.00 noon Monday.
- Coaches and managers are asked to do their best to foster a positive and sporting spirit at all times amongst the spectators on the sidelines in the games.