



## **Sporting Code for Redfield College**

### ***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 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 criticise 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 fulfill 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.

### **College expectations 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 (e.g. between soccer and rugby in each age group) dictate that we must maximise our numbers in College sports teams.
- Where possible, teams in inter-school competitions will be coached and managed by teachers.
- College teams entered in club competitions (such as Hills Basketball Stadium, Saturday sports, etc.) will be managed by a parent and coached either by a teacher (if available) or parent.
- The Sportsmaster 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 Sportsmaster 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.