



Guidelines for Sport at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School

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The Mater Dei Primary School *Codes of Behaviour* has been developed to help everyone involved in sport to promote enjoyment, fair play and appropriate behaviour.

It is expected that all students, parents, coaches, teachers, officials and spectators, who are involved at any and all sporting events facilitated at or for Mater Dei Primary School, will always do the following;

- Show appreciation and respect for coaches, opponents, officials and administrators. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Respect the decisions of officials.

In addition to these, the following Codes of Behaviour are expected to be demonstrated when representing Mater Dei Primary School in any sporting event.



Players Code of Behaviour

- Learn the rules.
- Play by the rules.
- Control your temper. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.



Parents/Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
 - Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
 - Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements with honesty and good spirit.
 - Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants regardless of the game's outcome.
- Encourage children with positive, motivational comments.
 - Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Coaches Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children with positive, motivational comments.
 - Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
 - Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
 - Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All participants are deserving of equal game time, equal attention, and equal opportunities.
 - Ensure that equipment and facilities are age appropriate and meet safety requirements.
 - Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport.
 - Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
 - Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.



Teachers Code of Behaviour

- Encourage young people to develop basic skills in a variety of sports and discourage overspecialisation in one event, sport or playing position.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified sports over highly structured competition for primary school children.
- Prepare young people for intra and inter school competition by teaching them basic sport skills.
- Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation in sporting activities.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development.
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.

Give all young people equal opportunities to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing as well as playing.



Officials Code of Behaviour

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.



DIOCESAN SPORTING OPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Wagga Wagga is able to offer students from Year 2 to 6 the chance to develop their skills and talents in sport as part of their all round academic, social and physical development.

The Wagga Wagga Diocese is a member of the New South Wales Primary School Sports Association through our affiliation with the New South Wales Catholic Primary Schools Sports Council. As part of the NSW CPSSC students from Yrs 2-6 can participate in MacKillop (Southern NSW Region) sporting trials.

SPORTING SELECTIONS PROCESS

SCHOOL CARNIVAL TRIAL



DEANERY



DIOCESAN



MACKILLOP



NSW PSSA



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA



DIOCESAN FORMAT

Swimming/Athletics

Schools hold their own carnivals and then teams are selected to participate in one of the five Deanery Carnivals (Wagga Wagga City, Wagga Country, Albury, MIA and South West). From these five carnivals squads attend the Diocesan Carnival and from there, successful students may go on to MacKillop and NSW State PSSA Carnivals.

Cross Country

Cross Country is held at the school level. From here children are selected for the Diocesan Carnival leading onto MacKillop, NSW PSSA and School Sport Australia Exchange.

DIOCESAN SPORT CONT.

Throughout the year your child may be selected in either an individual event or a team sport.

Individual Sport

Swimming
Athletics
Cross Country
Diving

Team Sport

AFL
Netball
Cricket
Touch Football
Rugby Union
Soccer
Hockey

Tennis
Basketball
Rugby League – open
Rugby League – 11 years
Softball
Golf

Mater Dei Primary School is permitted to select 5 children to attend a Diocesan team sport trial (this may differ according to the convenor) Year 6 children are permitted to be chosen for Diocesan team sport trials. It is an expectation that to be considered for the Diocesan sport trial, the child would be regularly participating in that sport e.g. weekend competition. If there are not enough children for the trial, then a talented Year 5 student may be nominated.

For the Individual sports, children are chosen from their performances at carnivals.

Team Competitions

Children from Year 6 that have played that sport in the previous or current year are chosen first to represent the school in these competitions. If the team requires more players, then other children from Year 6 are chosen next, followed by talented Year 5 children who play the particular sport are then invited to play.

The competitions are:

Paul Kelly Cup (AFL)
Mortimer Shield (Rugby League + Austag)
Jackie Murphy Day (Netball) - Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Trent Barrett Shield (Yr 3/4 Rugby League + Austag)
Rugby Union Gala Day
Diocesan Touch Gala Day
Sydney FC Cup– Soccer– Stage 3

Cricket

Whilst children from our school often play in the same teams, junior cricket now comes under the auspices of the Wagga Cricket Association and teams are aligned to club teams.



AT SCHOOL CARNIVALS THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Swimming/Athletics

8/9/10's - Juniors
11 years - 11 age group
12/13 years - Seniors

Champion trophies are awarded to:
Junior Champions
11 year Champions
Senior Champions



A champion is chosen from each of these age groups. The child who accumulates the most points throughout the carnival is deemed the winner.

Each child has the opportunity to compete in their age race (the age they are turning that year) in free-style (50m) and running (100m). In swimming, Juniors compete against each other in breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and relay. In athletics, Juniors compete against each other in discus, shotput, 200m, high jump and long jump.

Helpers

For our carnivals and other sporting events to be a success, we ask for assistance from our School Community. This may be assistance from parents, grandparents or friends. There are many different ways that you may like to assist at these events, more information will be available prior to each occasion.



[Wagga Wagga Diocesan Sports Council Awards](#)

Your child may be eligible for the following:

Diocesan Sports Medallion: Representing MacKillop in one sport.

Diocesan Sports Achievement: Representing MacKillop in more than one sport.

Diocesan Sports Award: Representing NSW PSSA at a School Sport Australian Carnival

OR

Was placed First in a Final of a NSW PSSA Track/Field/Cross Country Event.

OR

Was placed 1st/2nd/3rd in a PSSA Track/Field/Cross Country event.

They receive these awards at the end of the year.

SPORTS TRAINING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Teams comprising Mater Dei students are able to use the school playground for training purposes, provided their sports association is able to provide to the sporting team, a copy of their Insurance Certificate of Currency. Team managers/coaches must then provide to the school an Agreement for use of School/Parish grounds (available from the school office). A suitable training day must then be negotiated with the school. No training should commence until these forms have been completed and then returned to School Office staff. Training is to begin promptly at 3.30pm. Siblings (of students training) are not permitted to remain on school premises and should travel home in their normal mode.

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