

*Villa Maria College*  
**SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Rationale**

"All those involved in secondary school sport (students, teachers, coaches, officials, spectators) have the right to enjoy their sport in a healthy positive environment which values above all else, respect for fairplay principles in sport."  
(New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council)

The conduct of all teams and individuals should at all times reflect the Fair Play Sport Charter of New Zealand, which Villa Maria College has adopted. The charter states:

"We at our school agree that when playing sport we will:

- enjoy ourselves
- play within the rules
- respect all officials
- respect the opposition and their supporters
- be gracious winners and dignified losers
- play hard but play fair"

- ❑ As representatives of Villa Maria College players/officials/supporters are expected to observe all College rules at all times.
- ❑ Commitment to a team requires players to attend practices and games
- ❑ No bad or offensive language is allowed. Barracking should be positive (supporting the team) not negative (abusing the opposition).
- ❑ No rough play is allowed. Incidents of this nature will be dealt with seriously.

**Discipline Procedures**

In cases where the Code of Conduct is deemed to have been breached, action will be taken which is consistent with the severity of the offence. Such action may include, but is not limited to:

- ❑ The player/student official will receive a sport detention
- ❑ The player/student official/parent will receive an official warning (verbal or written)
- ❑ The player/student official/parent will be stood down from school sport for a specified period of time (or a specified number of games).
- ❑ The player/student official/parent will be excluded from all College activities for a specified period of time.

Those parties involved in the discipline process may include:

- ❑ The Team Coach
- ❑ The Teacher-in-Charge of Sport
- ❑ The Sports Director
- ❑ The Assistant Principal Pastoral Care
- ❑ The Principal / Board of Trustee member