



# Napier Boys' High School

Striving for personal excellence

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## Sports Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviour for all participants in our sports programmes, including students, parents, caregivers, and spectators. By participating in or attending our sports events, you agree to uphold these standards, ensuring a positive, safe, and respectful environment for everyone.

This code is based on the principles of fair play, respect, and enjoyment, aligning with the broader New Zealand sports ethos. Specifically, this code has been developed with reference to the Sport New Zealand - Ihi Aotearoa 'Code of Conduct - Member Protection' guidelines

[Code of conduct - Member protection | Sport New Zealand - Ihi Aotearoa](#)

## 1. Code of Conduct for Students (Players)

As a player, you are expected to:

- **Play by the Rules:** Understand and abide by the rules of rugby and the spirit of the game.
- **Respect Officials:** Accept the decisions of referees and coaches without question or argument.
- **Respect Opponents:** Treat opponents with respect, regardless of the game's outcome. Shake hands before and after the game.
- **Respect Teammates:** Support and encourage your teammates. Work together and celebrate each other's efforts.
- **Control Your Temper:** Do not engage in verbal abuse, sledging, or physical altercations.
- **Be a Good Sport:** Win with humility and lose with grace.
- **Effort and Commitment:** Always give your best effort during training and games.
- **Safety First:** Prioritise your safety and the safety of others. Follow all safety guidelines and instructions from coaches.
- **Represent Your School/Club Well:** Be proud of your affiliation and act as a positive ambassador at all times.

## 2. Code of Conduct for Parents & Caregivers

As a parent or caregiver, you play a crucial role in fostering a positive sporting environment. You are expected to:

- **Be a Positive Role Model:** Lead by example through your behaviour at games and training.
- **Encourage, Don't Criticise:** Focus on encouraging effort and good sportsmanship, rather than criticising performance or mistakes.
- **Respect Officials' Decisions:** Accept decisions made by referees and coaches. They are volunteers doing their best.
- **Respect Coaches:** Support the coaches and their decisions. If you have concerns, address them privately and constructively at an appropriate time, not during or immediately after a game.
- **Respect Opponents and Their Supporters:** Applaud good play from both teams.
- **Promote Fair Play:** Emphasise the importance of fair play and enjoyment over winning at all costs.
- **Ensure Safety:** Ensure your child is prepared for training and games (e.g., appropriate gear, hydration).
- **Communicate:** Inform coaches of any issues that may affect your child's participation or well-being.
- **Volunteer:** Offer your support where possible to help run the team or club.

## 3. Code of Conduct for Spectators

As a spectator, your support is valued, but it must be constructive and respectful. You are expected to:

- **Applaud Good Play:** Cheer for good play from both teams.
- **Respect All Participants:** Show respect for players, coaches, officials, and other spectators.
- **Avoid Negative Comments:** Refrain from making negative, abusive, or derogatory comments towards anyone involved in the game.
- **Do Not Interfere:** Do not interfere with the game, coaches, or officials.
- **Encourage Positivity:** Help create a positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Understand the Game:** Recognise that children are learning and developing, and mistakes are part of the process.
- **Stay Behind the Ropes/Designated Areas:** Observe from the designated spectator areas.

## Consequences of Breaching the Code

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which could include, but is not limited to:

- Verbal warning
- Temporary suspension from participation or attendance
- Permanent exclusion from participation or attendance

Our primary goal is to ensure that rugby is a safe, enjoyable, and enriching experience for all involved. Your cooperation in upholding this Code of Conduct is greatly appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui



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