



MaristCollege
Canberra

SPORTS POLICY

Sport at Marist College is popular amongst boys and families and is an effective means by which members of the community can actively and positively contribute to the life of the College. The application of the Sports Policy ensures that students are given opportunity to develop friendships and build camaraderie with their peers and other members of the College. It is a central tenet of our approach to building connection among peers and among parents.

The application of the Sports Policy centres around one principle- students who are enrolled at the College and wish to compete in a sport offered by the College, **must** play for the College. This means that if a student elects to participate in a sport offered by the College it is expected that he will play for Marist College. Sports in which students can participate include, but are not limited to: Australian Football (AFL), Basketball, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Rowing and Rugby.

The Sports Policy is included as a condition of enrolment in the Enrolment Agreement Form. Boys and parents commit to adhering to the Sports Policy when they sign the Enrolment Agreement Form. Any student who fails to comply with the Sports Policy or who plays against a Marist team in breach of this Policy will be considered to have breached the Enrolment conditions as set out in the Enrolment Agreement. Should a boy and his family breach the College Sports Policy it will bring into question the boy's continued enrolment at Marist College.

Representing the College in sport is a privilege, not a right, and students should be proud to play for Marist College. Ongoing or serious misbehaviour may result in a student's participation in sport being suspended or withdrawn at the discretion of the Headmaster or Deputy Headmaster.

The College does grant exemptions to the Sports Policy, but will consider requests in the following circumstances:

1. Premier League Football or formal Skills Acquisition Program (SAP): the parent of a boy wishing to play Capital Premier League Football or SAP (operated by Capital Football) for other clubs may apply for an exemption as the College does not field teams at this level. Please note this applies to competitions that Marist can not enter and does not include Pathway programs which play in the same competitions as Marist teams.
2. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students: this exemption applies to students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and intend to play for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander team.

Parents who seek exemptions should do so by writing to the Head of Sport before the start of each season, who will discuss the request with the Headmaster.

It should be noted that students who trial for a certain division, team or grade and are unsuccessful are still required to play for Marist College. There will be no exemptions granted to students to trial or play at other clubs as an outcome of the grading process applied by a Marist sporting club. Pathways programs in sports where teams play against Marist College are not eligible for exemptions.

The Sports Policy of Marist College Canberra applies equally to all enrolled Marist students from Years 4 to 12. Students who have accepted an offer of enrolment can seek to join a Marist cricket, basketball, rowing or indoor hockey team in Term 4 of the immediate year prior to their commencement at the College. Former students and individuals whose enrolment has concluded are not permitted to participate in a Marist College sports team

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