



St James' Catholic School  
Whakaruru Hau      A Sheltering Place  
— Te Kura Katorika o Hāto Heemi —

## Fair Play Guidelines for Parents and Spectators

The opportunity to gain the maximum benefit and pleasure from sport is largely dependent on the attitudes and behaviour of those involved. Fair Play is as important to sports as fitness, skills and tactics. By signing up for sport at St James' Catholic School you are committing to the following guidelines.

- ★ Set high personal behaviour standards aligned to our Gospel Values-SAINTS
- ★ Encourage children to take part in sport but do not force them
- ★ Focus on the children's effort and performance rather than whether they won or lost
- ★ Insist they always play according to the rules
- ★ Acknowledge all good play including that of the opponents
- ★ Do not question an official in public. If you disagree with a decision speak to them about it respectfully at half time or after the game
- ★ Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches and referees who give their time so that your child can be involved
- ★ Remember children play sport for THEIR enjoyment, not yours

## Fair Play Code of Behaviour for Players

- ★ Set high personal behaviour standards aligned to our Gospel Values-SAINTS
- ★ Play by the rules
- ★ Never argue with adults, members of your team or members of the opposing team
- ★ Be a good sport
- ★ Recognise all good players, including your opponents
- ★ Treat all players as you would like to be treated
- ★ Co-operate with your coach, team members and opponents. Without them there would be no game

*Fair Play is about encouraging young people to be good sports. It's about teaching them to be the best players they can be while having regard for the feelings and efforts of others.*

**“Play hard and play fair”**