



## Selection of a Medbury School First Team

### Rationale:

- That a transparent policy be adopted so all boys, parents and staff are aware of the criteria for selecting a Medbury first team.
- This policy relates to the following teams: First XV Rugby, First XI Soccer, Hockey and Cricket, and the Tennis Top 8.

### Guidelines:

- A Medbury Staff Member will always be in charge of a Medbury First Team. They may be assisted by a Medbury parent/s.
- To be eligible for a Medbury first team a boy is expected to play Saturday sport for the school. The only exceptions are those approved by the Headmaster prior to the commencement of the season.
- The selection process will involve a minimum of two trials, which will include skills and games sessions. The boys will be selected on merit regardless of age.
- At least two people will be involved in the selection process.
- At the conclusion of the trials a squad will be announced by the Sports Director.
- Boys who have missed out or who have been injured, are encouraged to approach the selection panel, to determine areas for improvement and a pathway to future selection.
- The squad is fluid and may be changed during the season for any of the following reasons: injury, fitness, attitude, performance, improvement by those who have not initially gained selection.
- The captain of the team will be selected by the coach/es and within two weeks of the start of the season will be formally named in Assembly by the Headmaster.



### Code of Ethics for Players

- Players will practise and play in the correct sports gear as published in the Information Booklet. This includes the necessary protective gear.
- Players will abide by the rules of the game.
- The Medbury approach to 'Winning and Losing' will always be adhered to.
- No player will argue with a referee or challenge an umpire's decision. The captain is predominantly the only boy able to seek clarification.
- Any communication with the referee or umpire must be polite and respectful.
- No boy will ridicule, admonish or criticise another player.
- No inappropriate language will be tolerated at any time.
- Boys will always line up at the end of a game, offer three cheers and shake hands. They will also thank the referee or umpire.
- Boys who are injured are encouraged to continue attending training sessions and games where practicable.
- Boys must inform their coaches if they are unable to attend a practice or game, including games played over holiday breaks.
- Boys may never boo/jeer the opposition whether they are playing or watching a game. They will applaud the performance of both teams.
- Be familiar with the NZFSM recommended stretching exercises- see website. This includes ensuring a 'warm up and down' after every game.
- Boys will shower after any winter interschool fixture if possible.
- The Motto of 'Play the Game' will always be upheld.



## Code of Ethics for Parents

### **Rationale:**

- To promote an effective partnership between parents and the school and to encourage the boys in their sporting pursuits.
- To emphasise the importance of our school philosophy and motto, 'Play the Game'.

### **Guidelines:**

- Parents will reinforce the Medbury 'Code of Ethics for Players,' with their sons.
- Parents will applaud the performance of both teams.
- Parents will praise efforts and celebrate results.
- Allow the players to play their game, not yours.
- Be positive with the referee or umpire and acknowledge their efforts.
- Communication with the referee is expressly limited to captains and/or coaches of the two sides.
- Extend a warm welcome to visiting teams, officials and supporters.
- Recognise and support the contribution of coaches.
- Parents should stress the importance for their boys to eat properly and at the right time before an event.
- That the pre-game and halftime message are the sole responsibility of the coach and captain.
- Parents are expected to have their children available for any Saturday matches that Medbury teams are playing.
- If you have a concern about the coaching/ management of a particular event or your son's team, please communicate as soon as possible with the Medbury School staff member in charge of the team, or the Sports Director.
- The place, time and tenor of all communication should reflect the standards that Medbury seeks to model for its students.



### Code of Ethics for Coaches

- Coaches will support and reinforce the Medbury 'Code of Ethics for Players and Parents.'
- Coaches must follow the policy for selecting a Medbury first team.
- Coaches will be dressed appropriately for all school practices.
- Coaches should stress the importance of warming up and down before and after exercise. They should be aware of the NZFSM recommended stretching exercises.
- Coaches should stress the importance for their boys to eat properly and at the right time before an event.
- Coaches will aim to allow all boys in their team the chance to win the 'Player of the Day' award during the season.
- All players should play at least half a game in any weekly match in regular season play. The use of reserves should be monitored so that it is fair for all.
- Medbury has very high behaviour expectations of its players. Any concerns or issues must be expressed to the Sports Director.
- Coaches will create an enjoyable environment in which to play the game.
- Coaches will positively reinforce the actions of players.
- Coaches should encourage their captains to take as much 'on-field responsibility' as possible, appropriate to their age.
- Coaches will promote team respect for referees and umpires.
- Coaches of the higher teams should be encouraging their players to set realistic goals.
- Coaches are responsible for carrying a First Aid pack to all practices and games.
- Coaches are responsible for maintaining details of their team's results and will write an end-of-year report for the Medburian.
- Coaches will ensure that their language is appropriate.
- Coaches will lead by example.

