



HILTON COLLEGE



KEARSNEY COLLEGE  
Founded in 1921



MICHAELHOUSE



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WESTVILLE  
BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## ***KZN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOLS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING***

*(APPROVED ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2018)*

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We, the Heads of traditional boys' high schools in KwaZulu-Natal affirm that sport is an important part of the educational programme we offer at our schools. Our sports programme should exist to help us develop strong character, healthy attitudes and important life skills in all our boys.

Many of our educational objectives are being undermined by an overemphasis on results and on winning in particular. There is considerable pressure being brought to bear on schools from the misguided notion that a school is only as good as its sports results. To this end, unethical practices have developed to improve sports results and we run the risk of losing perspective and the educational reasons of why we play sport.

In an effort to ensure that the sports programmes at our schools continue to be a healthy part of our educational offering, we have agreed to and hold firm to the following principles and practices.

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### **Principles:**

1. Sport is but one of many important programmes we offer at our schools and must be for the benefit of all our boys.
2. All sport must be played within the rules of the specific code and in the spirit that sport was originally intended to be played.
3. We value good sportsmanship above results and reject gamesmanship in any form.
4. We believe that teachers play a vital role in the coaching and managing of sport and are the most suitable people to oversee all sport.
5. We applaud good behaviour by supporters and spectators on the side of the field and strongly discourage abusive comments directed at players or officials.
6. We admit boys to our schools based on the understanding that they will participate in our extra mural programmes and will benefit most from involvement in the full educational offering of the school, including sport.
7. We will not engage in the practise of "poaching" players from other schools.

8. On the matter of player eligibility, we agree that, in matches between our schools:
  - Only *bona fide* members of the high school may represent that school.
  - In the case of a boy falling into the under 19 age group classification, such a boy is eligible to represent the school providing;
    - He is a *bona fide* full-time student of the school, registered (in the case of the NSC) for at least seven subjects.
    - He has been a registered student of the school since Grade 10, having written the end-of-year examinations in Grade 10.
    - He is not repeating his Grade 12 year.
  - Players coming through the KZNRU Talent Identification Programme would be eligible to play for a school provided they fall into the under 19 or younger age group.

**Practices:**

1. We will field as many teams as we possibly can, given the constraints of facilities, finances and available staff. We will not arbitrarily cancel fixtures.
2. We will teach boys to play by the rules and encourage them to enjoy the activity of which they are part.
3. We will actively promote good sportsmanship in our schools and encourage our boys to win with dignity and lose with grace.
4. We will endeavor to develop our teachers and their skills in the coaching arena with a view to having as many teachers as possible play an active part of our sporting programmes.
5. We will teach our cheerleaders and boys to applaud good play from both sides and discourage jeering or provoking the opposition. We will encourage respectful and robust competition within the bounds of good sportsmanship. We will be firm if our adult spectators, be they parents or Old Boys, behave in a manner we would not expect from people associated with our schools.
6. We will ensure that our own school, our staff or agents for the school, do not approach any boy (or his parents) of another KZN signatory school, with a view to persuading him to change schools.
7. Once a boy has begun attending a high school of a signatory school in Grade 8, we will not approach him, or his parents.
8. We totally reject the use of performance-enhancing substances by our boys and will take active steps to discourage and bar such harmful practices.

**Signed on 12 September 2018 by the Heads on behalf of the schools below.**

Clifton School  
Durban High School  
Glenwood High School  
Hilton College  
Kearsney College  
Maritzburg College  
Michaelhouse  
Northwood School  
St Charles College  
Westville Boys High