



## *Sports Team Policy*

### **PURPOSE**

Team sport is an important component of school life and future long term health. Clarity of expectations and decision processes is essential to ensure:

1. Fair and just treatment of all
2. Provide guidance and understanding to players, coaches and parents
3. Encourage sports participation incorporating skill and game play development
4. Support the school vision and values
5. Engender strong self-esteem and team skills

This policy applies to Inter-School team sport

### **TEAM SELECTION**

1. Team selection each season will be decided by the Sports Co-ordinator in consultation with coaches,
2. Team selection will be made based on:
  - a. Team balance
  - b. Skill development
  - c. Friendship
  - d. Where possible year level based
3. Coaches decisions will be made firstly with the best interests of the team followed by consideration for individuals

### **GAME TIME**

1. Coaches will endeavor to allocate even game time over the fixtured season
2. The priority for fixtured season play will be participation and skill/game development
3. Player availability and training participation will impact the Coaches allocation of time
4. Should a team reach Post District play or finals the coach will endeavor to ensure all players take the court/field however in elimination games or Grand Finals the coach may use their discretion to select and place the team for greatest chance of success
5. Coaches will ensure that records of training attendance, player game time, play positions and availability are kept (including notifications of absence). These records are available to all team members and their parents on request, however respectful consideration for the coaches time is needed (ie. Not before and during matches or training).

## **TRAINING**

1. Players must be available for training with their team
2. Players must attend scheduled training sessions respecting punctuality, training attire and team attitude
3. Non-attendance (other than prior notified absence due to illness or holidays) may result in loss of games time
4. Injured players are expected to attend training unless their injury prevents this. This enables players to continue to support the team and learn strategies and skills through observation
5. Players are required to notify their coach as soon as possible if they are unable to train or play. Non notification of absence from training may result in loss of game time
6. Training will normally be held at Surrey Hills Primary School.

## **UNIFORM**

Players will wear the uniform specified by the Sports Co-ordinator. Footwear is the responsibility of the player. School colors are navy, sky blue and red.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. All players will train and play in different positions during the season to learn the skills of both defence and attack
2. The coach will determine a players playing positions
3. Players, coaches and supporters are expected at all times to represent the school with pride and respect. Sportsmanship both on and off the field/court is essential. Respect for coaches, team-mates, opposition and umpires is critical to ensuring the enjoyment of sport for all. This contributes to a lifelong enjoyment and participation outlook.
4. Players, coaches and supporters who breach the expected Codes of Conduct may be penalized through loss of game time or attendance at training and/or matches
5. Concerns should be addressed in the first instance with the coach. Should the matter not be resolved, concerns should be addressed to the Sports Co-ordinator.
6. Players and families will be notified via the school website of training and playing times and locations as soon as these are available

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

All families will be notified of the Sports Team Policy via the school website

## **EVALUATION**

Ratified by School Council 20 August 2012

Regular evaluation will take place based on the feedback of players, officials and staff.