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SPORTS POLICY

Guidelines, information and assistance for participating in sports at TGS.

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FOREWORD

We all want our children to enjoy and benefit from their School experience and for many children, participating in sport is central to this. It develops skills, but also self-esteem, fitness and friendship.

There are many sporting opportunities for participation and involvement at Trinity Gardens School (TGS) for teachers, students, parents, caregivers and other members of the community interested in assisting children to play and enjoy sport.

In fact, without the commitment and dedication of these people, our children would not be able to enjoy the wide variety of sporting opportunities open to them through sport at TGS and the SAPSASA (South Australian Schools Amateur Sports Association) program.

Many people each year accept the wide range of responsibilities which go along with managing, coaching, scoring and spectating at games and practices.

This policy outlines the opportunities, responsibilities and commitment required by players, parents, organisers and spectators and we urge you and your children to read and discuss this information together.

We firmly believe our children will benefit greatly from a comprehensive understanding of the rules, expectations and requirements of playing sport at Primary School.

Above all, this will lead to a greater enjoyment of sport by everyone involved and a strengthening and development of our school's community.

THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

1. OBJECTIVES

The National Junior Sports Policy states that...

"Sport is a legitimate and significant activity within the School curriculum and should be conducted within the context of sound education practices as part of the total School curriculum".

Some of our sports associations have age requirements which contradict that of the National Junior Sports Policy. The school and the Sports Committee will determine, in the best interests of our students and school community, the minimum age for participation in After School Sports. This will, however, always remain within the scope of the National Junior Sports and Policy and the guidelines that are already set by associations.

As a result of the National Junior Sports Policy, junior primary children are encouraged to participate in skills learning but they wait until they are older (Year 2 or in their 8th Year) before taking part in competitive sport.



Therefore, our objectives for After School Sport are:

- 1.1 To provide opportunities for all children (who qualify by age) to participate in sport regardless of ability.
- 1.2 To provide suitable programs for the teaching of skills and preparation for competition.
- 1.3 To provide suitably qualified coaches and leaders, where possible.
- 1.4 To provide a safe, healthy and friendly sporting environment for all children, that encourages a sense of personal achievement, identity and satisfaction.
- 1.5 To provide a sporting environment for all children that encourages enjoyment, the development of self-esteem and confidence.
- 1.6 To provide the opportunity for all children to become aware of and to understand the meaning of fair play.
- 1.7 To encourage co-operation through the development of team skills.
- 1.8 To provide opportunities for children with special needs, where possible.
- 1.9 To ensure, where possible, that girls and boys are given an equal opportunity and encouragement to participate in sport.

2. MANAGEMENT

2.1 Role of the Sports Sub-Committee (see Terms of Reference)

- 2.1.1 The Sports Committee reports directly to the Governing Council.
- 2.1.2 Meetings are held regularly and reports are made to the Governing Council.
- 2.1.3 The Sports Committee reviews the Sports Policy every two years.

2.2 Role of the After School Sport Coordinator

- 2.2.1 Must be familiar with the Sports Policy.
- 2.2.2 Maintain close communication with the individual Volunteers Sport Coordinators, Team Managers and Coaches.
- 2.2.3 Manage the nomination process and appointment of Coaches and Team Managers in association with PE staff.
- 2.2.4 Manage the Training Schedule for use of the courts throughout the season.
- 2.2.5 Action all purchases made for any team or group with approval from the Principal/Deputy Principal/PE Teacher/After School Sports Sub-Committee.
- 2.2.6 Reports directly to the line manager and or Principal.
- 2.2.7 Liaise with the Principal/Deputy Principal and the Sports Sub-Committee with respect to fees and nominations.
- 2.2.8 Liaise with the IT manager in regard to updating the website regularly.



2.3 Role of the After School Sport Volunteer Parent Co-ordinators

- 2.3.1 Must be familiar with the School Sports Policy.
- 2.3.2 Will assist the After School Sport Coordinator with team nominations if required.
- 2.3.3 Is be responsible for the nomination of teams to specified associations.
- 2.2.7 Communicate information to Parents, Coaches and Team Managers prior to each season to outline rules, the Sports Policy, venues, etc.
- 2.3.3 Maintain close communication with the After School Sports Coordinator, Team Managers and Coaches.
- 2.3.4 Assist the teams to organise themselves in the initial stages and provide support throughout the season.
- 2.3.5 Liaise with the external associations and attend meetings, as required (ie. EDNA AGM).
- 2.3.6 Undertake a uniform stocktake each year.

2.4 Role of Coaches

- 2.4.1 Were possible, coaches will be suitably qualified. Coaches and team managers may be parents interested in assisting teams in this role, so therefore formal training in the particular sport is not obligatory.
- 2.4.2 TGS recognises the significant influence and central leadership role of the coach, and all coaches will be offered the opportunity to attend appropriate coaching courses, when available.
- 2.4.3 Coaches must have WWCC and RRHAN-EC certificates. Forms are available at the school office or can be requested by email. TGS will cover costs. Certificates take approximately 20mins to complete online.
- 2.4.4 Coaches to manage attendance.

2.5 Role of Team Managers

- 2.5.1 Liaise with the After School Sports Coordinator, the Volunteer Parent Sport Coordinator, the coach and the team.
- 2.5.2 Liaise with the Volunteer Parent Coordinator with respect to uniforms and equipment.
- 2.5.3 Report any problems initially to the Volunteer Parent Coordinator and if requiring further assistance, to the After School Sports Coordinator.
- 2.5.4 Create and distribute team contact list
- 2.5.5 Maintain communication with the team regarding rosters, scoring and all other relevant duties.

2.6 Composition of Sports Sub-Committee

- 2.6.1 Representatives supporting Governing Council, with Chair elected from Council.
- 2.6.2 Individual Sport Coordinators and interested members of staff and the school community.



2.7 Role of PE teacher

- 2.7.1 Prepare kits for all sports at the beginning of each season.
- 2.7.2 Purchase equipment eg match balls.
- 2.7.3 Support coordinator and leadership with grievances.
- 2.7.4 Coordinate all SAPSASA sports along with volunteer classroom teachers.

2.8 Role of parents/caregivers

- 2.8.1 Ensure their child is picked up from all trainings and matches on time.
- 2.8.2 Ensure they adequately supervise siblings of children in team ie not expect coach to supervise siblings or teachers before and after school. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child has necessary medication eg epipen or puffer at all trainings and games. Parents are responsible to attend all trainings and games if medication needs to be administered eg epipen, insulin for diabetes.
- 2.8.3 Parents to inform coach if not attending training or games.

3. SPORTING CODES OF CONDUCT

When playing Sport for TGS, students and coaches are representing the school and therefore are expected to adhere to the TGS Sports Policy and Code of Behaviour.

The School Sport Code of Behaviour will be made available to all players representing TGS. It will be used to support and advise on correct spectator behaviour.

3.1 Trinity Gardens School Code of Conduct (please see attached policy)

3.2 Consequences

Consequences for breaches of this code may include temporary suspension from the game at the time by the coach or Sports Coordinator. Suspension from future games or for the season, depending upon the circumstances surrounding a particular incident, will be decided by the Sports Sub-Committee and Principal/Deputy Principal.

4. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Disputes and complaints should be directed, initially, to the team manager or coach. Matters can then be taken further with the After School Sport Coordinator and finally to the Senior Leader responsible for sport.

5. WEATHER POLICY

Please see attached Weather Policy.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS

- 6.1 Participation is the focus of primary school sport thus the achievement of all children who participate will be recognised via the presentation of medals at the end of each season during school assemblies.
- 6.2 The awarding of trophies is not endorsed by the Sports Sub-Committee.



7. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 Families will receive information regarding specified uniform requirements for each sport. This will include partial uniform which is provided on loan from the school and uniform requirements for purchase by families
- 7.2 Players will be issued with uniforms for the duration of the season and parents will be expected to launder them and keep them in good repair.
- 7.3 Uniforms should not be altered in any way.
- 7.4 Coaches or team managers should collect all uniforms and equipment/kits at the completion of the season and inform the After School Sport Coordinator of any non-returns or damage. The After School Sport Coordinator will pursue any unreturned items.
- 7.5 Parents will be invoiced separately for damaged and/or lost equipment and uniforms.
- 7.6 All damaged and/or lost uniforms and equipment is to be reported immediately to the After School Sport Coordinator and not wait until the end of the season.
- 7.7 Individual protective equipment is the responsibility of the parents.
- 7.8 Team equipment is the responsibility of the coach and team manager.

8. FEES

- 8.1 Fees are to be set by the school in consultation with the Sports Sub-Committee.
- 8.2 As After School Sport is a voluntary activity, the fee set by the committee should be paid prior to the season for the student to participate. Payment plans can be negotiated via the Business Manager at the beginning of the season. Fees must be set at a level to ensure continued financial viability but not to be exclusionary.
- 8.3 Parents who are experiencing financial difficulty should approach the Business Manager to discuss a possible reduction in fees.
- 8.4 Parents who coach their child's team will be exempt from paying the fee. If a team has more than one parent coach, one fee will be divided by the number of coaches. Exemption from fees does not apply to team managers or game day supervisors.
- 8.5 Pro-rata payment is required for students joining a team mid-season.

9. INSURANCE

Families should have their own insurance to cover accident or injury as the individual associations only have Public Liability Insurance. This includes coverage for training at school. The DfE does not provide accidental injury insurance for children, students or visitors to departmental sites with the exception of insurance for volunteers and for students on approved work-experience placements off site. Claims for expenses in relation to children, students or visitors to departmental sites may be met if the injury or damage is attributable to negligence on the part of the DfE.

10. SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Core sports offered at TGS include Soccer, Football, Netball, Cricket and Basketball. Other sports will be included if there is a competition, sufficient students and coaches, a Volunteer Parent Coordinator and parent support.



- 10.1 All children are required to participate in their year group or age group as defined by the sporting associations.
- 10.2 Promotion to a higher group can only occur under exceptional circumstances.
- 10.3 Approval must be obtained from the After School Sport Coordinator prior to the relevant association being contacted for an exemption.

11. LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- 11.1 TGS encourages children to participate in local associations and does not preclude children from playing for such associations. It aims to set up sporting associations in co-operation rather than in competition to local bodies.
- 11.2 TGS participates in the following associations and must adhere to the individual By-Laws and Constitutions respectively.

Netball

- Eastern Districts Netball Association Inc.

<http://www.ednetball.com.au/>

Soccer

- Eastern Zone Primary Schools Soccer Association Inc.

<http://easternzone.homestead.com/>

Football

- SANFL Schools

<http://sanfl.com.au/sanfl-schools/>

Basketball

- Norwood League After School Basketball

<https://www.norwoodleague.com.au/>

Cricket

- SACA Kensington Primary School Cricket

<http://kpsc.sa.cricket.com.au/>

12. TEAM SELECTION AND EQUAL ABILITY TEAMS

- 12.1 Team selections are co-ordinated by the PE Teacher, the After School Sport Coordinator, and if necessary, with the assistance of the individual Volunteer Parent Coordinator.
- 12.2 Where TGS enters two teams in the same age group/year level competition, every effort should be made to ensure the teams are of equal ability. In exceptional circumstances, the After School Sport Coordinator may make changes to teams after the season has commenced.



13. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 13.1 Participation in games must be encouraged. To achieve this, it will be necessary to rotate all members of a team. This includes stronger or more skilled players. If applicable, rotation rules of individual associations must also be adhered to.
- 13.2 In sports teams where players need to be loaned to an opposition team, this should be done on a rotational basis.

14. SELECTION POLICY FOR SAPSASA

The South Australian State Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association, (SAPSASA) works within the DfE for the delivery of School Sport. Correspondence and information regarding SAPSASA events is circulated to parents/caregivers via the SkoolBag App and, if timing allows, the Newsletter. It is also student responsibility to listen to notices from classroom teachers.

- 14.1 Teacher is responsible for the selection of the team and they should if possible establish a panel of at least one other person and preferably a panel of three persons.
- 14.2 Students must be given as close to equal court/field time during trials to demonstrate their skills and abilities.
- 14.3 A minimum of two trials are conducted.
- 14.4 Allowance during trials must be made for students who are absent for legitimate reasons such as illness or representing the school or district at other SAPSASA events.
- 14.5 Selection for each school team should be based on ability and coachability.
- 14.6 In circumstances where TGS leadership are managing high level or repeated behaviour issues that don't demonstrate school values during play and lesson times, as student may be excluded from a competition.
- 14.7 TGS selection will also align to SAPSASA policies, particularly in regard to student age and year level.

15. SELECTION PROCESS FOR SAPSASA DISTRICT TRIALS

- 15.1 Selection for District team sports will follow SAPSASA guidelines. Students will be nominated wherever possible at the completion of school based SAPSASA trials.
- 15.2 Parents/caregivers of students selected for District SAPSASA activities will be responsible for all costs.
- 15.3 For students who are selected for State Representation, TGS is considering providing financial assistance. This is currently being discussed by the Sports Committee for submission to the Finance Committee.

16. TRANSPORT

- 16.1 All people and vehicles carrying children to and from sporting events in school hours must be covered with an appropriate comprehensive insurance policy and have completed a Consent to Travel by Private Vehicle and Transport of Other Students by Parents forms if transporting students other than their own child.
- 16.2 Only suitably qualified people should be permitted to drive. This excludes those with L plates.



- 16.3 All vehicles being used must have seatbelts with the driver ensuring that they are worn.
- 16.4 Consent form must be signed by the parent prior to the SAPSASA event or the student will not be able to play.
- 16.5 When numbers are large, a bus will be booked and parents invoiced accordingly upon nomination to cover the cost. A student who is unable to participate due to non-return of form, sickness or any other reason will not have the cost of bus transport refunded.

17. MEDICAL AND CONSENT INFORMATION FORM

- 17.1 As part of the After School Sport nomination process it is mandatory that all parents/caregivers provide correct medical information to the school and maintain relevant information regarding their child. The After School Sport Coordinator will provide the supervising teacher for SAPSASA events with relevant medical information
- 17.2 Medical information is collated for each After School Sport team and provided to coaches and team managers. This information must be kept in an accessible place during practice and match times.

18. SPORTS FEES AND SUMMARY OF SPORTS

Information related to school sport will be provided via the SkoolBag App and the Newsletter if time permits. This information includes After School Sport, SAPSASA, sport advertisements, sport calendar, sport policies and external sport program information.

The After School Sport Coordinator can be contacted for all sport related information on 08 8431 4170 or sue.tronnolone165@schools.sa.edu.au



SUMMARY OF AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS OFFERED

SPORT	SEASON & VENUE	AGE	PRICE
Cricket	Term 1 & 4 is a full season <u>Venues</u> 2/3 - Parkinson Reserve, Kensington 4/5 & 6/7 - Various Locations	All mixed Teams Year 2/3 - Saturday AM Year 4/5 - Friday, 4-6 PM Year 6/7 - Saturday AM	\$65.00 Includes game fee.
Netball	Summer: Term 4 and Term 1 Winter: Term 2 and Term 3 <u>Venues</u> Maylands, Campbelltown or Windsor Gardens	All mixed Teams (boys until the age of 12 only). Summer - Friday PM Winter - Saturday AM & PM Netta - 9 Years + Under Primary - 11 Years + Under Sub Junior - 13 Years + Under *All ages are at 31 December except for 7 year olds who may start in Summer (T3 & T1) provided they turn 8 by 31 December the following Year.	\$85.00 Includes game fee.
Basketball	Semester 1 – Term 1 & Term 2 Semester 2 – Term 3 & Term 4 <u>Venue</u> ARC, Campbelltown	All mixed Teams Year 2/3 - Tuesday PM Year 4/5 - Wednesday PM Year 6/7 - Monday PM	\$65.00 to TGS + \$20 online fee + \$7 weekly fee paid via app.
Soccer	Winter – Term 2 & Term 3 Venues: Various Locations	Mixed, Boys or Girls teams Games played - Saturday AM Teams are based on year of birth. Mixed birth teams play in the older age group.	\$65 for 8 yr olds \$90 for 9-12 yr olds Includes game fee
Football	Winter – Term 2 & Term 3 Various location including: Ingle Farm PS Charles Campbell College South Parklands	Mixed teams, girls or boys teams 2/3, 4/5, 6/7 Saturday AM (boys) Tuesday PM (girls)	\$25 to TGS \$90 to SANFL paid online or use voucher. Includes game fee



School Sport - Code of Behaviour

When playing Sport for Trinity Gardens School, students and coaches are representing the school and therefore are expected to adhere to the Trinity Gardens Sports Policy and Code of Behaviour.

Students must play by the rules, no arguing with officials and manage their own behaviour.

SPORTING EVENTS: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Players / Students

Players will observe the following code of behaviour:

- Students should play in a positive and sporting-like manner.
- The welfare and development of the team should be placed above win and loss records.
- Politeness and courtesy should be extended to the opposition, their supporters and officials.
- Intentional violence, verbal provocation, and retaliation to acts of physical or verbal provocation are unacceptable.
- Official decisions must not be contested or responded to negatively.
- Offensive language, whether directed at an official, another player, a spectator, or oneself, is unacceptable.

Consequences for breaches of this code may include temporary suspension from the game at the time by the coach or sports coordinator. Suspension from future games or for the season, depending upon the circumstances surrounding a particular incident, will be decided by the Sports Committee and Principal.

2. Coaches / Managers

The school encourages and seeks parent involvement as Coaches and/or Managers in school sporting activities.

- Coaches and Team Managers will be required to exercise an appropriate duty of care for all students under their supervision.
- Coach the team in a manner which promotes the team members' adherence to the player code of behaviour (see above).
- Ensure that all team members are given an equal opportunity to participate and develop their skills.
- Trust each team member fairly, praise in public, provide constructive criticism where necessary and in private.
- Extend politeness and courtesy to the opposition, their supporters and the umpire.
- Accept all decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Withhold criticism of the opposition by word or gesture.
- Coaches and/or Team Managers will ensure that the team is suitably organised, that it is able to start and finish on time and that the necessary equipment is provided for the team.
- Parents are responsible for the transportation of their own children from school after matches, and to sporting events held on weekends.

Consequences for breaches of this code may include removal/suspension from coaching/manager duties for a number of games or the remainder of the season.

3. Spectators

Spectators who are associated with a Trinity Gardens School team are expected to:

- Set a positive example for team players by applauding good play from both sides.
- Extend politeness and courtesy to the opposition team, their supporters and the officials.
- Refrain from verbal abuse or remarks which belittle players or officials.

This Code of Behaviour will be made available to all players representing Trinity Gardens School. It will be used to support and advise on correct spectator behaviour.



TGS Weather Policies November 2017

Each Sporting Association has its own 'Weather Policy'.

Trinity Gardens School supports the various association policies with regard to games. Please see individual policies below.

TGS hot weather policy for TRAINING: states that if the weather is announced on morning radio or forecast in 'The Advertiser' as being **37 degrees** or above, training on that day will be automatically cancelled.

Weather Policies for GAMES:

Australia Junior Cricket Policy

For **Saturday morning cricket:** If the forecast temperature for Saturday is **38 degrees** or over in the Friday edition of 'The Advertiser', all games will be cancelled.

For **Friday afternoon cricket:** If the forecast temperature for Friday is **38 degrees** or over in the Thursday edition of 'The Advertiser', all games will be cancelled.

Fortunately the majority of junior cricket matches are normally played before or after the hottest part of the day. However, player's health must always be considered in the scheduling of matches. Cricket Australia and the SACA both recommend that schools apply common sense guidelines to climatic conditions.

ARC Campbelltown (Basketball)

As the centre is air conditioned there is no need to cancel games due to weather.

EDNA (Netball)

If the forecasted temperature on **BOM** (Bureau of Meteorology) at 9:00 am on the morning of the matches is 35 Deg C or above, ALL 5: 45 pm and 6:40 pm matches are abandoned.

If the forecasted temperature is 35 Deg C or above on **BOM** (Bureau of Meteorology) at 9:00 am on the morning of the matches, ALL 7:30 pm, 8:20 pm and 9:10 pm will still be played, however, quarters will be reduced by 2 minutes.

When games are to be CANCELLED, this will also be put on our Facebook page on the day.

Rain

Matches are NOT abandoned due to wet weather.

Umpires/Court Supervisors can suspend/abandon play in individual matches while HAIL or LIGHTNING is present.

Extreme Weather

If the Executive deems that weather conditions are considered to be unsafe for players, and or officials, notification will be made to the Club delegates via e-mail 24 hours before commencement of games. All matches will be declared Abandoned.

All Finals are played on days as scheduled but Playing Times & Locations may be changed at short notice.

EZPSSA (Soccer)

As soccer is a winter sport it is played in rain or fine weather. If there is hail or lightening during a game, play will be postponed until the hail or lightening has passed. Games will only be cancelled if it is deemed to be unsafe by the Referee – following several days of heavy rain where the ground has become too slippery. EZPSSA will notify sport co-ordinators of cancellations on the evening before the game.



SANFL SCHOOL (Australian Rules Football)

Hot weather requirements include:

Training sessions and matches, including pre-season trial matches, shall be cancelled if the temperature on the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au is 34°C or greater one hour before training is proposed to occur or the match is proposed to be played.

Coaches and team managers shall provide additional drinks breaks during training sessions, trial matches and minor round matches and actively encourage junior players to remain hydrated when the temperature is forecast above 25°C. The coach and/or team managers should modify or terminate the training activity if they consider the conditions unsafe for the players.

If in their opinion of the field umpire(s) the temperature and humidity conditions have become unsafe for the players they shall advise both team managers that they consider the conditions unsuitable for play and shall terminate the match.

Inclement weather requirements include:

The field umpire(s) shall stop the match and order the players from the field if inclement weather conditions which they consider poses a safety risk to players and officials develop during the match.

The match shall restart when the field umpire(s) deem conditions to be safe to do so. The match shall be shortened to comply with rule Game times 9.16 (refer to Abandonment of matches 9.13)