



Interschool Sports Policy

Endorsed by School Council: September 2017

Rationale:

Interschool sport develops team skills and sportsmanship through the interaction of students in a sporting environment. It provides opportunities for students to develop interpersonal skills as competitors and spectators representing the school, and encourages school spirit and values in sporting events within and beyond the school. New Gisborne Primary School aims to provide all students with the opportunity to develop and enrich their lives through sport. We acknowledge the important role that sporting competition can play in a child's social, emotional and physical development.

Aims:

Our Interschool Sport Policy aims to ensure that New Gisborne Primary School provides an interschool sport program that promotes team and school spirit and allows students to:

- Learn new skills, interact and compete with other students of their age
- Develop sporting skills
- Understand game strategies
- Increase fitness
- Develop appropriate attitudes for playing team sport
- Develop positive sporting behaviour
- Practice fair play
- Support each other
- Develop positive sportsmanship habits
- Enhance their acceptance of rules of games and activities.

Implementation:

- All interschool sporting teams will have adequate numbers of students, allowing for maximum participation in competitive events.
- The program will provide opportunities for Year 5 and Year 6 students to extend their skills through organised competition.
- Year 5 and 6 students only can participate in District Sport events i.e football, soccer, netball, softball, basketball and tennis.
- If a Year 6 student is deemed to have equal ability during trials to a Year 5 student, the Year 6 student will be selected to represent the school.
- All Year 3-6 students who have turned 9 or older before the 31st of December will be eligible to compete at District level for cross country, athletics and swimming.
- The selection process will take into account the skill, attitude, effort and work ethic of a student when selecting a team. This will be at the discretion of the staff member coordinating the sport.
- Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming will be selected based on time trials, distance thrown or height jumped.
- If a student has a legitimate reason for missing a trial/try out, and time permits, the student will be allowed to try out on an alternative day. A legitimate reason may include an unforeseen event (i.e. funeral, injury etc.) or a planned holiday where the student has given the staff member coordinating that sport enough notice. If a student is absent for too many

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training sessions, the staff member has the option of leaving that student off the team. This will be at the discretion of the staff member in consultation with the P.E and Sports Coordinator.

- Prior to the commencement of selection trials and practice for any Interschool Sport, a meeting of all the students eligible to try out will be convened by the staff to explain the sport/s, selection procedures and requirements/responsibilities that are expected of the participants.
- It is a pre-requisite that all students who are selected in Interschool squads/teams must attend practices on a regular basis.
- Parents can coach interschool teams only after being endorsed by the P.E and Sports Coordinator and the Assistant Principal or Principal. The parent must have a Working with Children Check.
- Parents cannot be involved in the selection process and must be supervised by a staff member during all training sessions.
- Students, parents and teachers will be expected to abide by the SSV Codes of Conduct and demonstrate exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times.
- All students who have chosen an Interschool Sport will have access to facilities, equipment, playing time and coaching.
- Staff/Parents involved in the Interschool Sport program will be provided with information containing the current rules, codes of conduct and draws, to allow for the safe participation by the students in interschool sporting situations.
- Coaches/Staff members should ensure that each student participating in an interschool sport receive fair and reasonable playing time.
- If a student is going to receive less game time than other students and the coach/staff member is aware of this prior to the event, they must inform the student, their parents and the Sports/PE Coordinator of this decision before the day of the event.
- Interschool Sport is a self-funded program. Students who participate are required to contribute towards the cost of the program eg. bus fares, umpires/referee costs and venue hire.
- Students may be required to organise their own transport at Division or Regional level. This will be at the discretion of the school.
- The Physical Education Coordinator with the assistance of classroom teachers involved in activities are responsible for the planning, coordinating and implementation of the Interschool Sports Program. These people are also responsible for the equipment and resources needed to facilitate the sports program.
- The School Sport Victoria Manual (SSV Manual) is the main resource for supporting this program. This manual outlines the rules and guidelines for each sport.
- The Physical Education Coordinator and classroom teachers will take responsibility for promoting skills, knowledge and attitudes appropriate to participating in Interschool sport.

SSV Representative Teams

SSV enters various representative teams (Team Vic) in National Championships conducted by School Sport Australia. Each year, sports gifted and talented students have the opportunity to trial for a place in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic state team.

Our school can nominate students provided they meet age requirements, have a good knowledge of the sport and rules, and have a very high standard of skill. As a benchmark to skill level, competitors should be playing in a current sporting competition at representative or inter-league level. If they are not competing at this level it will be at the discretion of the P.E and Sports Coordinator to endorse the application.

Parents must register their child online before attending the trials and have the form signed by the

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Sports Coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal. More information regarding trials and the nomination process for each sport (dates, times, venue, age eligibility, nomination closing dates, trial fees, venue and dates) can be found on the SSV website at www.ssv.vic.edu.au.

Evaluation: The Professional Learning Policy will be reviewed in accordance with the New Gisborne Primary School Policy Review Schedule.

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