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## STRADBROKE SCHOOL SPORTS POLICY

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to enhance student participation and experience in regular sport. Our sports program is provided to encourage school spirit, enjoyment and education in being a positive team member.

### The program

Our Skills program is open to students in Reception to year 2. This is held one afternoon a week with a different sport each term. Stradbroke School is part of the East Adelaide district for Sporting Schools SA (formally SAPSASA). This gives students an opportunity to participate against other schools, districts and states.

Our 'Team' sports program is open to all Stradbroke School students in years 2-6.

We endeavour to ensure all interested students have the opportunity to participate in sport at Stradbroke School. Without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers, our students would not be able to enjoy the wide variety of sporting opportunities open to them.

## Role of the School

Employ a Sports Coordinator

The Sports Coordinator:

- Is responsible for the coordination of the afterschool sports program.
- Is the contact person for each sporting association in which the school has registered teams and is responsible for ensuring the school complies with its obligations with the association by:
  - attending association meetings, and ensuring that information is fed back to coaches and teams;
  - promptly disseminating information, such as draws, timetables and other information from the association to coaches/managers of teams;
  - reporting and responding to any complaints and unacceptable behaviour
- Will
  - manage the nomination processes and appointment of Coaches and Team Managers in association with Senior Leader
  - maintaining an up-to-date email list of coaches/managers to ensure effective communication between the school and coaches/managers
  - actively assist in recruiting interested players and coaches so that new teams can be formed
  - ensure all coaches/managers meet the minimum requirements of the Department for Education Volunteer Policy and Procedure and sporting associations
  - manage the Training Schedule for use of the courts throughout the season
  - provide equipment for training sessions
  - provide a first aid kit to all coaches/managers
  - report directly to the Senior Leader and or Principal
  - liaise with Senior Leader and the Sports Sub-Committee with respect to fees and nominations

## Role of the Sports Committee

The Sports Committee oversees the general management of the out of hours sports program and reports directly to the Governing Council. Its members include the Sports Coordinator, a member of the Leadership Team, a representative of the Governing Council, the PE Teacher and interested members of the school community. The Committee meet once a term.





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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.

The role of the committee include:

- Advocate and promote the Sports Program offered including the need for uniforms and equipment to be bought by the school
- Address any issues that arise within our outside school sports program
- Have oversight of planning, budgeting and monitoring the Sports Program
- Review the Sports Policy every three years

## Responsibilities of Players

- Be a good sport and play for enjoyment
- Work hard for the team as well as yourself
- Commit to the season once registered. Losing players mid-season may result in your team mates having to forfeit
- Play by the rules
- Treat all team players and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself
- Co-operate with team and game officials
- Follow the Stradbroke School Behaviour Support Policy
- Follow the individual sports associations bylaws and code of conduct
- Congratulate team mates (win or lose), and thank opponent team and umpires at the conclusion of every match.
- Attend and participate fully in training sessions
- Ensure you wear the appropriate uniform and protective gear to ensure you are able to play

Consequences for Players not observing the Stradbroke School Behaviour Support Policy (SSBSP)

- Coaches are to report any infringements to the Sport Coordinator which will then be followed up.
- Consequences for breaches of the SSBSP may include temporary suspension from the game at the time by the coach or umpire. Breaches of the SSBSP will be investigated by the Senior Leader and further suspensions may apply.

## Responsibilities of Parents/Spectators

- Encourage participation in school sports.
- Support our school code of behaviour and player expectations.
- Be a role model and applaud all players including opposing team. (Provide a model of a positive team member for your child to copy)
- Be respectful in your communication.
- Make any new parents feel welcome.
- As a spectator respect the coaches and umpire decisions.
- Assist our coaches by being on time for practice and arriving early for pre match warm-up.
- Advise coaches of any practice/matches your child is unable to attend in advance whenever possible.
- There is an expectation that parents of children participating in sport offer support/assistance to the coach as necessary such as rosters, fruit at games, packing up equipment, scoring etc.
- It is the parents responsibility to attend all matches/practices and if you are not able to, you will need to ensure adequate arrangements have been made at the end of their matches/practices. It is not the responsibility of the coaches. If on more than one occasion this does not happen, the Coach will notify the school's Sports Coordinator who will follow up with the players parent/caregiver.



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- Siblings or children who are not members of the team must be supervised at practice and matches. Our coaches are not responsible for the care of children not on the team.
- Adhere to School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment
- Follow the individual sports associations bylaws and code of conduct

## Responsibilities of Coaches and Team Managers

All coaches/managers must adhere to the minimum requirements of the **Department for Education Volunteer Policy and Procedure**. This means coaches/managers **must have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RRHAN-EC) training**. It is recommended to have your Basic First Aid training. Coaches and managers are expected to have read and signed the Responsibility of Stradbroke Sports Coaches and Team Managers document. Coaches/managers need to contact the school if they need further clarification.

Coaches are required to follow the coaches code below

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Coaching comments should consist of positive reinforcement and comments and avoiding negative comments at all costs.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players, all players are entitled to and deserve equal game time.
- Provide suitable rotation opportunities for players in positions.
- Develop team respect for the ability of players within your own team, the opposition as well as judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Teach your players to follow the rules and spirit of the game.
- Be a positive role model for your players and the sport.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and with the rules of the game, constitution and by-laws.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

## Photography

- School sport photos must be taken in accordance with school permissions upon enrolment. No student should be photographed in a group or individually without obtaining permission from a parent/guardian.
- Photographs and videos (including mobile devices) taken by parents should not include other students, especially where they can be identified.
- In order to protect the interests of students and other children, photos/videos must not be shared via social media without having been granted permission by the parents and meeting child protection obligations.

## Breach of School Policies

The following may apply to **players** deemed to have breached the schools policies:

- For minor incidents, the coach has the authority to direct players from the field/court.
- For serious incidents, the coach will direct the player from the field/court and at their earliest convenience refer the matter to the Sports Coordinator which will then be referred a Senior Leader for final decision on action to be taken including suspending players from participation if required.



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For all other participants in school sport (**coaches/managers/spectators/parents**) deemed to have breached the school policies, the site leaders have the right to:

- Withdraw a volunteer from coaching/manager roles at any time if concerns exist about their suitability to be working with children.
- Ban a person (parent, caregiver or otherwise) from the school grounds or playing venues if their behaviour threatens the well-being of staff, students and families.

## Grievances

The following is a set of guidelines to be used when resolving any grievance involving players/parents/coaches/managers involved in our sports program.

Issues or concerns that you may have regarding our sports program will be dealt with promptly and most effectively when raised in the following ways:

- Concerns with players/parents - please discuss the matter with the Coach. (Avoid game/practice time if possible). If unresolved please forward the matter in writing to the Sports Coordinator which will then be referred to a Senior Leader.
- Concerns with the Coach - please refer the matter in writing to the Sports Coordinator.

**The School will only manage issues raised in the ways outlined above.**

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