



MAGILL SCHOOL

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RATIONALE

Sport is for the benefit of the students.

AIMS

Magill School's After School Sports program aims to:

- Encourage the participation of all students in a variety of sporting activities.
- Develop sporting skills in our students
- Promote fun and enjoyment through sport
- Encourage every student to participate in sport
- Highlight the importance of fair play.

While winning is important, it is not the only reason for playing. The school aims to give our students the best possible experiences in sport through:

- Learning new skills
- Participation in competitions that suit the age, ability and maturity levels of participants

ADMINISTRATION

The Magill School Governing Council oversees the After School Sports Program through the After School Sports Committee.

Governing Council Responsibilities:

- Responsibilities of the Sports Committee
- Approval of and changes to the After School Sports policy
- Ensuring health and safety regulations are adhered to
- Maintenance of budgetary facilities
- Approval of changes to the season fees

After School Sports Committee Responsibilities:

- Planning and co-ordinating the sports activities offered out of school hours
- Interpreting Department for Education and Children's Services sports policy
- Encouraging Sports Officials to be trained in First Aid and Sports Injury and gain accreditation with their respective sports.
- Liaison with Coordinators and Coaches
- Preparation of an annual budget
- Formulation of policy for approval by the School Council
- Employment of coaches and officials when necessary
- Ensuring that all sports policies adhere to the School Council Sponsorship Policy
- Maintenance of facilities and equipment used primarily for After School Sport
- Annual review of this After School Sports policy
- Appointment of Co-ordinators to administer each individual sport
- Any other matters affecting the operation of After School sport

Sports Co-ordinators Responsibilities:

- Implementation of the School Policy on Sport with regard to their code
- The determination of all matters that affect the day to day running of their sport, including:
 - a) Coach and Manager selection
 - b) Uniform & Equipment requirements
 - c) Selection of teams
 - d) Practice and match information
 - e) The distribution of codes and adherence to the code of conduct
 - f) Matches
 - g) Management of first aid kits
 - h) Liaison with relevant sporting organisations

- i) Any other matters affecting the operation of their sport.

SELECTION

The aim of After School Sport is participation. Therefore at Magill Primary School the objectives for students are to:

- Enjoy their sport
- Have a balanced introduction to team sport
- Learn to work as a team
- Improve their skill level

Under the Junior Sports Policy guidelines students under 8 years of age are generally unable to play in competitive sports teams. The aim is for students to learn skills through non-competitive activities where the emphasis is on participation and fun.

However, students who turn 8 during their time in Junior Primary school will be eligible to participate in modified sports and students may play Australian Rules Football during the year when they turn 7.

Students over the age of 8 years of age will be able to nominate for one winter and one summer sport. Students will nominate for winter sports in Term 1 and summer sports in Term 3.

The After School Sports Committee will determine the maximum number of players appropriate to each sport. Inclusion in sports team will be decided by the following:

- All students returning the registration form by due date and fees fully paid will be allocated to a team.
- In the event that the number of players exceeds the established maximum, the following will apply:
 1. Consideration will be given to the possibility of including an additional team (s) to accommodate all students wishing to play.
 2. Late returns cannot be accepted. A waiting list in the order of receipt will be prepared and inclusion can occur only after withdrawal of previously included players.
- In the event that more than one team is required within an age level, selection will consider the following criteria:
 1. Maintenance of similar standard across teams, unless specifically approved by the After School Sports Committee
 2. Age requirements as required the Association/League affiliated with each sport.
 3. Age or Year level of child
 4. Friendships and social factors
 5. Ability/Experience level

The final selection of the teams is the decision of the coaches and co-ordinator.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE -- Magill School

Issues or concerns that you, as parents may have regarding your child's school sporting participation, will be most effectively dealt with when raised in the following ways:

1. If your concern relates individually to other players/parents please discuss the matter with the Coach and/or the Team Manager at a time mutually agreeable to both parties. (During or after game time may be inappropriate.)
2. If your concern relates to the management of the team, please approach the teacher coordinator for the relevant sport.
3. If you feel that the situation still has not been satisfactorily resolved, please refer the matter to Senior School Leadership.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Players' Code:

- Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport, cheer all good players whether they are on your team or on the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

Parents' Code:

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.

- Remember, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. Without them there would be no sport for your child. Their time is also valuable. **Please assist them in all ways by being on time for practices and matches. If your child is unable to attend either, please inform the coach.**
- Make every effort to attend games and support your child and the team.
- Ensure that you have arranged for your child's safety at the conclusion of the match. Coaches etc. have commitments and cannot be expected to wait for children to be picked up.

Coaches' Code:

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules.
- Avoid over playing the talented players in both position and time.
- Provide suitable rotation opportunities for players in positions.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

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