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Out of Hours Sports policy

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Introduction

Sport is an important component of life at Glen Osmond Primary. It is highly valued by our school community. Through working together we are able to offer five sporting codes. There are many sporting opportunities for participation and involvement at Glen Osmond Primary School for teachers, students, parents, caregivers and other members of the community interested in helping children to play and enjoy sport.

An integral part of the success and efficient delivery of Out of Hours Sport is the participation of parent volunteers who act as co-ordinators, managers and coaches of the five sporting codes on offer. These sports are on offer to children in year 2-6.

- Cricket
- Softball
- Netball
- Soccer
- Basketball

GOPS has a Physical Education teacher who manages the in school Physical Education component of the school curriculum. The Physical Education teacher liaises with each individual code for School Sport SA events and seeks advice from coaches for School Sport SA selections. The Out of Hours Sports Coordinator liaises with the nominated Out of Hours Sports Coordinators for each code. GOPS uses TryBooking, QKR and Edsmart for bookings and payments.

This policy outlines the opportunities, responsibilities and commitment required by school staff, players, parents, organisers and spectators; and is a strategy that will lead to a greater enjoyment of sport by everyone involved and a strengthening and development of our school's community.

Glen Osmond Primary School Sports Policy

Background

This policy is consistent with the Commonwealth Government 2006 National Junior Sports Policy: A Framework for Developing Junior Sport in Australia. Junior Sport covers young people from 5 years to 19 years of age.

For the reception and year 1 students the term 'sport' simply covers play and activities. For children in the first stage (ages 5-7 approx) formal or structured competition is inappropriate. The emphasis at this level is on modified games, e.g Auskick and Kanga Cricket. With this in mind students from Year 2 to Year 6 are eligible to participate in school sports as GOPS offers modified games as specified in the National Junior Sport Policy.

Rationale

Opportunities for all students to access and participate in school sporting competitions are actively promoted and provided at Glen Osmond School. Students benefit from participation in school sport because they:

- are able to develop physical and coordination skills
- are able to develop friendships
- are encouraged to strive for their personal best
- are able to develop their social skills as members of a team
- can develop a sense of discipline and motivation
- are able to experience a range of sporting options
- learn how to handle success and failure
- find sporting competitions enjoyable

The provision of a range of sporting opportunities encourages children to broaden rather than just specialise their sporting experience. School based sports are structured to promote enjoyment and participation.

All children, regardless of ability, have the right to participate in school-based sports and continue to develop their skills.

Physical Education is part of the mandated Glen Osmond Primary School Curriculum and participation in sports provides an opportunity for students to apply and develop the skills they gain through physical activity.

Implementation of the GOPS Sports Policy

All students, parents and staff at Glen Osmond who are associated with school sports are expected to support the school policy. Each Out of Hours Sports Co-ordinator will ensure that a copy of the GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sports is given to all parents as their child commences their involvement in the Sport.

Establishing School Sports Teams

School sports teams can be authorised to play under the Glen Osmond Primary School name if they request approval from the Sports Committee and the school Principal.

At the beginning of the year coordinators of each sport will be sought from the parent body by the Out of Hours Sports Coordinator.

Sports currently offered at Glen Osmond Primary School

Year 2-6

Summer Season (Terms 1&4)

Cricket – Basketball - Softball

Winter Season (Terms 2&3)

Soccer – Netball –Basketball

Resources

Each sports code is responsible for covering its own associated costs. The revenue from the TryBooking registrations are deposited into the school bank account under sporting budget lines. Funds in sports budget lines are only accessed when authorised by the Out of Hours Sports Coordinator.

Hot weather, wet weather policy

Cancellation of games is subject to individual sport associations hot/wet weather policies, eg cricket games are cancelled when the predicted temperature is 38 degrees or over consequently school teams would play by each code's policy.

To ensure student's skin is protected from sun damage, all students are encouraged to wear a sun safe hat (legionnaire or wide brimmed style) when playing sport if appropriate, eg. fielding cricket. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children wear sunscreen to sport.

Role of the Principal

The Principal of Glen Osmond Primary School will:

- ensure that the school Out of Hours Sports Policy is implemented, monitored and periodically reviewed.
- provide advice to Governing Council and the Sports Committee as required
- ensure staff representation on Out Of Hours Sports Committee.
- actively encourage parent participation in the management of sporting opportunities.
- Ensure compliance with the GOPS sports policy

Role of Sports Committee

The Sport Committee will:

- operate as a sub-committee of the school Governing Council.
- be convened by the Out of Hours Sports Coordinator.
- have a membership that includes a staff representative and the Coordinator (or nominated parent representative) from each school sports group.
- meet twice per term.
- ensure minutes of meetings are taken and copies distributed to Governing Council by the convenor.
- forward any recommendations for changes to policy to Governing Council for ratification.
- have oversight of planning, budgeting, monitoring and providing information on skills and first aid training to sports team coaches and managers.

Role of Out of Hours Sports Coordinator

The Sports Committee is supported by a member of the school staff and is known as the Out of Hours Sports Coordinator. This role will monitor the effective management of school sports and

- be a member of and liaise with the Sport Committee.
- Organise TryBooking registration to open in week 1 of each term.
- liaise with each Out of Hours Sport Code Coordinator.
- purchase equipment as required.
- ensure students are aware of the expectations of the school towards respecting coaches and abiding by the GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sports and Respectful Behaviour Code and Anti-Bullying Policy during practice sessions and games.
- Ensure compliance with the GOPS volunteer policy

Role of Individual Sport Code Co-ordinator

Prior to season commencing, in consultation with Out of Hours Sports Coordinator:

- Meet all requirements of GOPS volunteer policy
- organise teams and team numbers
- organise coaches, team managers and umpires/referees for the season with Out of Hours Sports Coordinator
- ensure all coaches and team managers are aware of child protection procedures outlined in the role specification
- register with association including any payment required (liaise with GOPS Admin)
- attend association meetings
- ensure practice times have been arranged and that the facilities are available and pass a copy of this to the Out of Hours Sports Coordinator.
- ensure there is enough equipment in good condition. Liaise with Out of Hours Sports Coordinator if replacement equipment is required
- distribute equipment keeping a list of where the items are and with whom.
- ensure team managers have completed scoring rosters for parent volunteers

Beginning of season

- Distribute school sport uniform tops where applicable and ensure team managers keep records of who has which top.
- Distribute rules of game to all coaches and GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sports pamphlet via team managers.
- Distribute fixtures and practice time and location via team managers.
- ensure all teams have a first aid kit and check expiry dates. These kits can be collected and refilled via GOPS Admin.
- Liaise with association regarding changes to fixture times and locations.
- Continue to attend association meetings.

During season

- Maintain communication with Out of Hours Sports Coordinator , association, coaches, team managers and umpires.

End of season

- Ensure team managers and coaches return equipment. First Aid kits MUST be returned to GOPS Admin.
- Arrange replacement equipment if necessary.

Additional

- Attend Sport Committee Meetings (2 per term)

Role of Sports Coach

- Meet all requirements of the GOPS Volunteer Policy
- strive to provide an environment which allows the student's experience of sport to meet the Out of Hours Sports Policy objectives:
 - developing physical and coordination skills
 - developing friendships
 - striving for their personal best
 - developing their social skills as members of a team
 - developing a sense of discipline and motivation
 - experiencing a range of sporting options
 - learning how to handle success and failure
 - finding sporting competitions enjoyable
- be a role model for all the behaviours which link to the above aims.
- provide all students and parents with information about the modified rules of the sport, fixture of games, venues etc as well as changes to games or practices.
- ensure that all students have equal participation/game time regardless of ability.
- request additional support from the school eg line marking through the GOPS Admin maintenance program.
- keep records of all letters, contacts etc in an orderly manner so that they can be handed over to subsequent coaches/coordinator.

Role of Team Manager

- Meet all requirements of the GOPS Volunteer Policy
- organise roster for scoring, goal umpiring, linesperson, scorer, timer, oranges, morning tea, etc.
- assist the coach to manage the children on match days and ensure that the coach is aware of any health conditions of students in the team.
- attend to the welfare of all team members (with the coach) and also the coaches' welfare.
- ensure first aid is available to teams through venue provision or up to date team first aid kits, expiry dates must be checked. (New stock is available from GOPS Admin).
- organise the maintenance and storage (in school designated shed) of their equipment.
- ensure players and parents have read and adhere to the GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sports. This will also be accessible via the school website.

- Implement all child protection procedures outline in the GOPS role statement provided at induction.

Role of Parents

Parents and Carers of students who participate in school sports teams will:

- accept duty of care for their children and supervise them during all events related to Out of Hours sport including training. This will mitigate behaviour that prevents misbehaviour that undermines the coaching and enjoyment of others.
- support coaches in the creation of an environment which meets the school sports policy objectives and child safety protection requirements.
- provide a positive role model for students through supportive spectator behaviour during games/competition.
- pay fees before the start of the sport season or contact Finance Officer if financial hardship is an issue.
- ensure a responsible adult (other than the coach) has agreed to supervise their children during practice and game times.
- be punctual in dropping off and picking up children.
- consider accident/injury insurance for their child (not compulsory, but advisable).
- provide a mouth guard/protective equipment – highly recommended in some sports.
- abide by the GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sport– available from the team manager or Out of Hours Sports Code Coordinator.

Role of Students

Students will:

- follow the school's Respectful Behaviour Code and Anti-Bullying policy when participating in school sport teams.
- abide by the GOPS Code of Behaviour for Junior Sports.
- represent the school in a manner that is consistent with the school values; persistence, respect, integrity, caring and excellence.
- play and behave by the rules and good conduct guidelines associated with their chosen sport.
- accept consequences of unacceptable behaviour including being sent home.

School Sport SA (formerly SAPSASA)

Glen Osmond Primary School is affiliated with School Sport SA. We are part of the South East District. As an affiliated member, students at Glen Osmond, whether as individuals or in teams, are given the opportunity to compete in these district and state level sports competitions.

Selection policy for School Sport SA (Knockout teams)

- selection based on ability (as stated in the School Sport SA guidelines booklet) with priority going to Year 6 students ahead of Year 5 students.
- PE teacher and Out of Hours Sports Coordinator will discuss and determine the competitiveness of the proposed team. Out of Hours Sports Coordinator will consult with the relevant sport coaches.
- Students must demonstrate the ability to follow rules, be organised and adhere to the GOPS Code of Conduct for Junior Sports. Student behaviour must reflect the School's values.
- Students are to attend all training sessions where possible.

Selection policy for School Sport SA District Trials.

- Selection for team sports will follow School Sport SA guidelines.
- Students will be selected after consultation between PE teacher, Out of Hours Sports Coordinator, class teacher and relevant sports coaches.

Each year a letter will be sent to parents of students in Year 4-6 outlining the SAPSASA selection process and the sports available for the current year.

***All School Sport SA Sports are offered on a "user pays" system.**

End of Season Awards

Each co-ordinator, coach and team manager will receive a certificate acknowledging their involvement at the end of year PE assembly. (week 5, term 4)

Procedure for handling money

GOPS uses TryBooking and QKR for collection of data, fees and registrations.

When new/updated equipment is required, the Out of Hours Sport Coordinators will:

1. Decide what equipment is needed.
2. Liaise with GOPS Out Of Hours Sports Coordinator who will then arrange for the purchases.