

Sports Policy



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Responsibility	School Leadership and Governing Council

Rationale

At Riverbanks College, we offer a wide range of extra-curricular sports and activities. These include AFL, Netball, Soccer, Volleyball, Cricket, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Athletics and Badminton. Our goal is to provide students with an opportunity to represent the school, fostering confidence, physical activity, leadership, collaboration, determination, a sense of belonging, as well as a lifelong passion for sports.

Selection Process

The selection process for school sport at Riverbanks College typically involves a trial during break time. Our dedicated coaches (staff) volunteer their time to select teams based on the specific requirements of each sport. These requirements may include the number of players needed on the court or field, the number of teams we can enter in a carnival, and the capacity of transportation. While it would be ideal to accommodate all students who wish to participate, these constraints unfortunately prevent us from doing so. Notifications regarding trial dates are sent to all students via Daymap. To help foster independence and initiative, we expect students to check their Daymap daily to know when these trials are taking place.

The selection process is conducted in a non-judgmental manner, focusing on the needs of the team. Factors considered include players' suitability for certain positions and their individual attributes. We do not take into account clubs they play for or previous experience; rather, we base our selections solely on the coach's observations during the trial, ensuring fairness for all participants.

Sports Available

The school offers a variety of sports each term, and the list of available sports can be found on the school's website: <https://www.riverbankscollege.sa.edu.au/sports-calendar>

Behaviour

Students who have not demonstrated behaviour in line with the school values will not be allowed to represent the school. The final decision lies with the school leadership, taking into consideration the potential higher risk associated with the student's behaviour and the potential impact on the school's reputation. Instances of truancy, records of disruptive behaviour, and internal or external suspensions may render student's ineligible to represent the school.

Consent Forms

If students are successful on selection consent forms are emailed out to families via EdSmart. Consent forms need to be completed before the day of the event. Failure to return consent forms will unfortunately mean students won't be able to attend. Paper copies are available for anyone who doesn't have access to the internet.

Payments

Families must make the necessary payment prior to participating in school sports. Failure to pay may result in the student being unable to attend future sporting events. If there are any circumstances where payment is an issue, please communicate with the school to discuss possible alternatives or arrangements.

Weather Policy

If the temperature is scheduled to be 36 degrees Celsius or above any outside event/sport will be cancelled. Indoor events will be cancelled if temperatures are 38 degrees Celsius or above. An event may be cancelled in the event of wet and cold conditions (at the discretion of the convener of the event). This will take into consideration the increased nature of risk due to the conditions. Any lightning and thunder will see the event stopped immediately.

School Buses

Due to the variety of venues that Riverbanks College plays at there is no guarantee on these days that students will make it back in time to catch school buses. Please be advised that alternative arrangements may need to be made for drop off or pick up of students on these days.

Uniform Requirements

All students representing the school must arrive at and leave from school in their correct full school uniform. The only exception being appropriate footwear/sneakers required for the sport. Attire such as tights, hoodies, non-uniform t-shirts, pants, shorts, jumpers, ugg boots, or crocs are not permitted. Students who arrive at or leave school in inappropriate attire will either be unable to participate or not be considered for future selections.

Code of Conduct During School Sport

The same school rules apply on school's sport as they would in a regular school day/HPE lesson. Mobile phones will be collected at the beginning of the day and given back upon returning to school.

Respecting opponents and umpires are expected at all times when representing the school. Any disrespectful behaviour will see the student removed from playing that game and potentially the day. Any violence would result in a phone call home and will be followed up with leadership and consequences will be issued upon further investigation. Upholding our school values, Grit, Collaboration, Belonging and Kindness is paramount.

Injuries

Blood rule – any student who grazes/cut themselves playing will need to be removed from the playing arena and must ensure all bleeding has stopped and cleaned up before being allowed to enter the field of play. Gloves and barriers are to be used to ensure safe protocol is followed.

Head Knocks – Any student who gains a head knock is to be removed from the field of play and not be allowed to take any further part in the days play.

General knocks – The staff member on duty will always put the student's health first and will make an informed decision (with the sports trainer, if available) about each injury and whether the student is able to continue or not.