

MIANDETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPORTS POLICY

Rationale

The Sports Policy aims to promote physical activity, to foster stronger community links and to develop competitive sports and skills based activities at Miandetta Primary School which reflect the guidelines of the National Junior Sports Policy.

The policy aims to maximise opportunities and active participation, and enjoyment of extra-curricular sports and skill development activities for all Miandetta students. It also aims to instil a positive attitude to sporting pursuits as outlined in the National Junior Sports Code Of Behaviour. Those codes provide the basis for fair play for young people and encourage fun, friends and safe environments.

Purposes

- To provide Miandetta students access to participation in sports rosters.
- To support activities that have adequate personnel for coaching, management and ensuring safe conduct.
- To support the selection of teams or individuals for representative competition for students.
- To support and promote training opportunities for students, coaches and officials.
- To promote optimum utilisation of school sporting resources.
- To promote the safety of all participants in sport.

Guidelines

- A Sports Co-ordinator will be appointed each year by the Principal. This role will usually be undertaken by the HPE teacher.
- The Sports Co-ordinator will work with Miandetta staff and sports volunteers to achieve Sports Policy objectives.
- The Sports Co-ordinator and coaches will coordinate the participation of children in sports activities and where appropriate liaise with student sports representatives, and promote all sports activities through the newsletters.
- A contact will be identified to communicate with the sports co-ordinator and forward minutes from meetings etc.
- The sports coordinator will meet with coaches at the commencement of relevant seasons and provide a support package (see below).
- The sports coordinator will be the first point of contact with any concerns/issues, for both parents and coaches.
- Any concerns will be documented and shared with the principal for collaborative resolution.

Coaches

- Coaches will be sought for each team through the newsletter and/or personal invitation as required. Interested parties will put their name forward to the Sports Co-ordinator.
- All coaches and managers are required to complete a Working With Vulnerable People application and lodge it with the Department. Volunteers are not permitted to take a coaching role unless they have a Working With Vulnerable People Card.
- Coaches are required to abide by the Code Of Behaviour as described by the Australian Sports Council. This code will be provided by the school.
- Coaches will be provided with a package containing information on expectations of the school, ensuring fair participation for all, advice on dealing with different situations, and the protocol for responding to issues and junior development officer contact details.
- Coaches of school sports teams are not to endorse individual awards and trophies in team sports.

Selection of representative teams

School sports teams are selected through the following process:

- Students sign up for their chosen sport.
- A letter is sent home detailing relevant information, medical and registration forms along with a permission slip and a copy of the Code of Conduct.
- Students are to return registration money and forms to the office. Students must pay their registration prior to the commencement of the first game.
- Teams are determined by the school sports co-ordinator or nominee.
- Sporting teams are selected by Sports co-ordinator or nominee for:
 - Basketball
 - Soccer
 - Netball
 - NWPSSA Cross Country from grades 5 & 6
 - NWPSSA Athletics Team from grades 3 – 6
- Sporting teams are selected by the relevant Devonport associations for:
 - Cricket
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Touch Football
 - Futsal

When selecting individuals to represent the school, consultation will take place between the sports co-ordinator and the coach. Names are put forward to the Principal for final approval based on the coach's recommendation and the individual's school and class behaviour and parental permission will also be sought.

- Greater detail relating to general and special team selection are found in attachments A and B.

Uniforms and Equipment

- Sports tops and equipment are generally provided by the school and the Uniform Sub-Committee.
- Sports uniforms that are sponsored by another party do so on the understanding that all the uniforms will remain the property of Miandetta Primary School.
- Sponsors can have their logo and / or name on the sports uniform if the sponsor is prepared to cover printing costs.
- The style / format of all logos must be approved by the Uniform Sub-committee prior to printing.
- Miandetta Primary School Uniform Sub-Committee are responsible for organising the purchase of all school and sports uniforms.
- All students who participate in schools sport teams and use school provided uniforms are charged a \$10 hire fee, with \$5 being refunded when the sports uniform is returned in good condition.
- Parents are responsible for providing children with safety equipment such as mouth guards, footwear and shin pads.

Code Of Conduct

- Players, coaches, teachers, administrators, officials, the media, parents and spectators are required to abide by the Australian Sports council guidelines for behaviour and also the school behaviour code.

OUR RULES FOR BEHAVIOUR AT MIANDETTA

- We will work and play safely
- We will respect others and treat everyone fairly
- We will care for property and the environment
- We will be focussed teachers and learners

Conclusion

The School Sports Policy is to be reviewed bi-annually. Any changes and recommendations are to be considered by the School Association.

Written by Miandetta Primary School Association

Endorsed by Miandetta Primary School Association – 6 August 2018