

BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL SAPSASA SPORTS POLICY

QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING,
COOPERATION AND RESPECT

We all want our children to enjoy and benefit from their school experience and for many children, participating in sport is a key component of this. Burnside Primary School offers a large and diverse range of sports in the SAPSASA competitions (South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association). Our SAPSASA teams are ones determined via a selection process for our students in the upper primary year levels.

There are opportunities for participation and involvement by teachers, students, parents, care providers and other members of the community interested in assisting children to participate in these events.

Many people each year accept the wide ranging responsibilities which go along with coaching, supervision, scoring and spectating at games and practices.

This policy outlines the opportunities, responsibilities and commitment required by players, parents, officials, organisers and spectators. It also outlines the selection process for our SAPSASA teams.

We firmly believe our children will benefit greatly from a comprehensive understanding of the rules, expectations and requirements of playing sport at Burnside Primary School.

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GENERAL

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 ROLE OF COACHES

1.1.1 Coaches and managers may be parents interested in helping teams in this role so therefore formal training in the particular sport is not obligatory. Coaches that are suitably qualified will be looked favourably upon if more than one coach nominates to coach a team.

1.1.2 Burnside Primary School recognises the significant influence and central leadership role of the coach, and coaches are encouraged to attend an appropriate coaching course.

1.1.3 It is all coaches' responsibility to adhere to the following COACHES CODE.

1.1.3.1 COACHES CODE

1.1.3.1.1 Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.

1.1.3.1.2 Never ridicule or yell at a young player.

1.1.3.1.3 Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

1.1.3.1.4 Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.

1.1.3.1.5 Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. Equal playing time does not apply to SAPSASA teams.

1.1.3.1.6 Ensure, with the support of the PE Staff, that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.

1.1.3.1.7 Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. Encourage players to do the same.

1.1.3.1.8 The Coach is responsible for the safety of players during all practices and games/matches. By law, he/she is responsible to take 'all reasonable care'. This ONLY applies to players in attendance for the duration of training sessions and games. Outside of these scheduled times duty of care lies with the child/ren's Parent or Care Provider. No child is allowed to leave any sporting venue unless accompanied by school staff or their parent/care provider unless prior arrangements have been made. After practices and matches Coaches, Managers or supervising parents are to remain with waiting players until collected by a Parent or Care Provider. In the event that a child is not collected by their Parent or Care Provider in a reasonable time and all reasonable efforts have been made to contact parents/care providers then:

- If on school premises the child is to be escorted to the Front Office (until 4:30pm)
- **Or**
- If not on school premises the Deputy Principal is to be contacted.
- After 4:30pm on school premises the Deputy Principal is to be contacted.

1.1.3.1.9 Parents / Care Providers must be aware that the Duty of Care does not lie with the Coach for a player who does not attend a training session or game. If a child is absent from a training or game it will be assumed that the parent is aware of their child's whereabouts as

this is their responsibility. It is NOT the responsibility of the coach to ascertain where absent players are. As a courtesy, though, parents should text the coach if their child is unable to attend training or games.

- 1.1.4.1.10 Parents must be responsible for either accompanying their child back to or from school for off-site trainings OR they must have given permission for their child to get there/leave by themselves when registering them for the team before season commencement (dismissal permission).
- 1.1.4.1.11 Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development. Permission should be sought from the player.
- 1.1.4.1.12 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 1.1.4.1.13 Coaches should encourage the use of sunscreen and hats according to the current Sun Smart Policy.
- 1.1.4.1.14 All coaches and supervisors, including parents and teachers, are encouraged to have a current First Aid Certificate.
- 1.1.4.1.15 Players with open wounds are to be removed from play immediately. Minor first aid may be administered.
- 1.1.4.1.16 For suspected serious injuries call the ambulance who will assess the condition of the child. Contact the parents when calling an ambulance.

1.2 ROLE OF PARENTS / CARE PROVIDERS

- 1.2.1 It is a requirement by all parents/care providers to include correct medical information for players participating in any team.
- 1.2.2 Fulfill your assigned responsibilities as assigned by the coach/team manager.
- 1.2.3 Parents/Care Providers are responsible for advising the coach/team manager if a child cannot attend a training session or game.
- 1.2.4 Parents / Care Providers must respond to all communication requests received from the coach/manager in regards to changes with training due to weather.
- 1.2.5 Parents / Care Providers are responsible and maintain complete duty of care for their child/ren until training / game commencement time. Therefore, it is essential that all Parents / Care Providers manage their child/rens transition and transport to and from these scheduled times.

2. SPORTING CODES OF CONDUCT

THESE CODES OF BEHAVIOUR HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM "PLAY BY THE RULES", THROUGH THE NATIONAL INITIATIVE COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SPORT (AUST SPORTS COMMISSION)

2.1 PLAYERS CODE

- 2.1.1 Play by the rules.
- 2.1.2 Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- 2.1.3 Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- 2.1.4 Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, as will you.
- 2.1.5 Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- 2.1.6 Treat all players in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- 2.1.7 Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 2.1.8 Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- 2.1.9 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 2.1.10 Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.
- 2.1.11 Adhere to the current Sun Smart policy.
- 2.1.12 Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, managers, officials and administrators.

CONSEQUENCES FOR PLAYERS

- 2.1.13 No uniform or appropriate protective gear - no play.
- 2.1.14 Coaches are expected to remove players for unacceptable behaviour. Consequences of non-attendance at training will be at the coaches' discretion.
- 2.1.15 Major behaviour issues will result in immediate action. If the problem occurs during training the Sports Administrator will be notified immediately, and if at a match the Deputy Principal.

2.2 PARENTS' AND SPECTATORS' CODE

Aussie Sport Codes of Behaviour for Parents and Spectators:

- 2.2.1 Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage players to participate, do not force them.
- 2.2.2 Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Encourage players always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

- 2.2.3 Never ridicule or yell at a player. Remember that players learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all players.
- 2.2.4 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Respect officials' decisions and teach players to do likewise.
- 2.2.5 Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- 2.2.6 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CONSEQUENCES FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- 2.2.7 The coach or team official to informally remind Parent or Spectator of Code of Behaviour or report to Sports Administrator to handle on Coaches / team officials behalf.
- 2.2.8 In instances of repeated unacceptable behaviour, action to be taken will be decided by Principal / Deputy Principal.

2.3 UMPIRES, REFEREES AND OFFICIALS' CODE

- 2.3.1 Refer to the association guidelines for each sport.

3. TRAINING CANCELLATION POLICY

- 3.1 Team officials will endeavour at all times to ensure training occurs, however there may be times when this is unfeasible.
 - 3.1.1 **Hot Weather Policy** - In the event of hot weather (forecast for the day 36 degrees as reported on bom.gov.au at 8am on the day of training)
 - 3.1.1.1 Afternoon training outside shall be cancelled for the day. In the event that afternoon training is cancelled a red sign stating "After School Sports training Cancelled" will be placed on the Sports Notice board, as well as a notification on School Stream.
 - 3.1.1.2 Before school training will still go ahead.
 - 3.1.1.3 All training in the Gymnasium will occur regardless of the forecast (Air Conditioned facility).
 - 3.1.2 **Wet Weather Policy**
 - 3.1.2.1 If the weather prior to/during training times is excessively wet, teams shall move to the library or alternate sheltered areas where the coach will supervise them until they are collected. *Refer to Duty of Care 1.4.4.1.8*
 - 3.1.3 If training is cancelled prior to training time, the coach must communicate with all parents / care providers of the team and MUST hear back from all parents / care providers that their child has been notified and other arrangements made. If the coach does not hear back from all parents / care providers, then the coach must turn up to training to ensure their duty of care. *Refer to Duty of Care 1.4.4.1.8*
 - 3.1.4 **Lightning Policy**
 - 3.1.4.1 Burnside Primary School abides by the 30/30 Lightning Safety Guideline.

- 3.1.4.2 Stop play if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder is less than 30 seconds. Immediately seek safety under or within an appropriate shelter (a building if available).
- 3.1.4.3 Do NOT shelter under trees, particularly an isolated tree. Do NOT stand close to any metallic structures inc. goal posts.
- 3.1.4.4 If on an open field away from any shelters, keep as low and as small as possible. I.e. crouch keeping feet together and do not touch any objects or people near you.
- 3.1.4.5 Do not resume play until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard.

4. MATCH CANCELLATION POLICY

- 4.1.1 Cancellations may occur as a result of weather conditions, unavailability of teams or other extenuating circumstances
- 4.1.2 Cancellations are communicated via the Burnside Primary School PE staff.

5. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Players will be issued, if required, with uniforms/sport specific equipment for the duration of the competition and parents/care providers will be expected to launder them and keep them in good repair.
- 5.2 Uniforms should not be altered in any way.
- 5.3 All damaged and/or lost uniforms and equipment to be reported immediately to the PE staff / SAPSASA Coordinator in charge of the team.
- 5.4 Parents will be invoiced separately for damaged and/or lost equipment and uniforms
- 5.5 SAPSASA Coordinator will pursue any unreturned items.

6. INSURANCE

- 6.1 Parents / Care Providers are advised to obtain adequate medical insurance and ambulance cover for their child against accident or injury during play or attendance at School Sport training/game.

7. MEDICAL AND CONSENT INFORMATION

- 7.1 Parents / care providers of students selected in a SAPSASA team must give permission for their child to participate in the event which will take place during school hours.
- 7.2 Parents / care providers must provide correct medical information for players that are participating in any team.

SAPSASA

8. OBJECTIVES

To provide students with an opportunity to participate in a State wide elite level competition.

8. SELECTION POLICY FOR SCHOOL SAPSASA

- 8.1 Equal participation once selected is not guaranteed although preferred where possible. Selection will be based on ability (as stated in the SAPSASA guidelines booklet) with priority going to Year 7's ahead of Year 6's and Year 6's ahead of Year 5's.
- 8.2 It should be noted that Year 6 students could and should be selected before Year 7 students if in the opinion of the Coach /selectors they have more ability.
- 8.3 Sports that students can trial for are categorised into three groups:
 - 8.3.1 Major Participation Sports - Girls Netball, Boys Football, Boys Cricket and Boys Soccer.
 - 8.3.2 Minor Participation Sports - Girls Soccer, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Hockey, Boys & Girls Tennis and Boys Baseball.
 - 8.3.3 Age Specified Sports - Boys & Girls Basketball, Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country.
- 8.4 Team sport selection will be limited to children in their 11th year or older. The Year 5's that meet the age criteria cannot trial for Major Participation Sports unless there are insufficient numbers to make up a team from Year 6 and 7 students. However, Year 5's may trial for Minor Participation Sports or Age Specified Sports if there are insufficient skilled players in Year 6 and 7 and if the School SAPSASA Coordinator gives approval.
- 8.5 Students must demonstrate the ability to follow rules, be organised and adhere to the Sporting Codes of Conduct. Student behaviour should reflect school values. (Failure to do so will lead to non-selection).
- 8.6 Students should attend scheduled training sessions where possible, leading up to a game / carnival.

9. SELECTION POLICY FOR SAPSASA DISTRICT TRIALS

- 9.1 Selection for team sports will follow SAPSASA guidelines.
- 9.2 Students will be nominated by the School SAPSASA Coordinator wherever possible at the completion of school based SAPSASA trials.
- 9.3 The school SAPSASA Coordinator will liaise with the Principal and/or Deputy Principal and / or Sports Coordinator in Term 1 to prepare for coming events.
- 9.4 Parents / Care Providers of students selected for SAPSASA activities will be responsible for all costs.
- 9.5 For students who are selected for State Representation the school will provide financial assistance, if requested, of \$50.00 for associated costs whether the event is held interstate or locally.
- 9.6 For further information please go to the SAPSASA website.

10. **SAPSASA TRANSPORT**

- 10.1 All people and vehicles carrying children to and from sporting events in school hours must be covered by an appropriate comprehensive insurance policy and have a current full driver's license.
- 10.2 All vehicles being used must have a seatbelt for each occupants with the driver ensuring that they are worn.
- 10.3 When numbers are large a bus will be booked and provided and parents invoiced to cover the cost upon registration.
- 10.4 When transport cannot be covered by parent volunteers then a mini-bus / bus will be provided and parents will be invoiced to cover the cost.