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INTERSCHOOL SPORTS TEAM SELECTION POLICY

(Representing Rochester Secondary College at Interschool Sports Events)



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 03 5484 1844.

Purpose

Rochester Secondary College provides students with ongoing opportunities to actively participate in interschool sports and various co-curricular activities. These pursuits, running parallel to their academic commitments, serve as a platform for students to embody the college values of growth, respect, optimism, wellbeing and support.

Participation in interschool sports is an earned privilege, contingent on students consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards their academic responsibilities and school values. Non-compliance with school expectations may impact their involvement in these valuable interschool sports experiences.

1. School Expectations

Students must adhere to the following school expectations to be considered to represent Rochester Secondary College at interschool sport events:

- Attend school regularly
- Behave appropriately and in accordance with the Rochester Secondary College Whole School Behaviour Expectations matrix
- Complete classwork and assessment tasks on time
- Wear the correct school uniform

2. Commitments & Responsibilities

2.1- Pre-Trial Commitments

Sports coordinator is to communicate upcoming sporting events with all staff, students and families via COMPASS and email. Sports coordinator to conduct sign ups for events 20 school days prior to the event to allow time for tryouts and team selections.

Note: Teams must be approved 10 school days before the event to allow for any movement of teams and for payment and consent to be completed prior to the event. Team sign ups should be completed well in advance of the 10 day deadline, in order to enter teams to the convening coordinator two weeks prior to the event.

2.1 – Trials and Training

For each sport there will be a set of trials and training sessions, the number of trials will be at the discretion of the coach. To be selected for an interschool sports team, you must attend all of these sessions. Trials and training sessions will be posted on COMPASS in advance, so students should check this to ensure they do not miss them.

2.2 – Missing Trials/Training

Students may miss trainings for the following reasons:

- Illness or injury
- Meeting with a teacher
- Excursion or school event

If a student is going to miss a try out they are to notify the coach or sports coordinator in advance. Selection of a student that has not attended trials or training sessions is at the discretion of the coach.

2.3 – Team Selection

Teams are selected by the coach; these are then submitted to the Sports Coordinator who will then have the teams approved by relevant leadership, either Year Level Coordinators or the Assistant Principal. The relevant leadership staff can exclude students from an interschool sports event based on suspensions and poor behaviour. Teams will be selected based on behaviour, skill level, sportsmanship, attitude and sport-specific skills. Students and families of students, who are not selected must respect the coach's decision.

2.4 – Payment and Consent

Selected students must complete payment and consent on COMPASS or at the front office before the event. Sufficient completion is essential to ensure the team's participation; failure to do so may result in team forfeiture.

2.5 – Uniform at Interschool Sports

Students must wear full uniform to and from the event. Most playing uniform will be provided by the school, although some items such as shorts, socks, mouthguards, boots and any other particular equipment will be the responsibility of the student to supply. Students without correct uniform or protective equipment must see the coach/teacher prior to the day of the game to arrange alternative equipment.

3. Student Behaviour & Eligibility

3.1 – School Behaviour

Students must regularly satisfy the Whole School Behaviour Expectations matrix to be considered for an interschool sports team. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from any interschool sports event if the student does not meet the responsibilities outlined in this matrix.

Students who:

- Are on any type of behaviour support plan (or similar documentation);
- Receive detentions, internal/external suspensions; or
- Are at risk of failure or not meeting course requirements in any subject

may not be considered to represent Rochester Secondary College at interschool sports.

4. SSV Events Codes of Conduct – Players/Students Code of Conduct

Students must abide by the SSV players code of conduct at all sports or may be at risk of not representing Rochester Secondary College at the next Sports event

- a) Play for enjoyment.
- b) Play by the rules.
- c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- d) Don't be induced into 'throwing' a game for the benefit of another team or individual.
- e) 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.
- f) Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- g) Treat all players as you would like and expect to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- h) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and be respectful of your opponents.
- i) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used including by social media, email, instant messaging and texting.
- j) Behave with courtesy and consideration for others. Violence, bullying, verbal intimidation, offensive or abusive behaviour and harassment on or off the playing field are not acceptable.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Downloads%20Library/SSVPolicyCodesofConductSSVEvents.pdf>

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ALL YEAR LEVEL TEAM SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON BOTH BEHAVIOUR AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS.

BEHAVIOUR: ANY STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND ANY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENT FOR 10 WEEKS.

ACADEMIC: IF A STUDENT IS 'AT RISK' IN A SUBJECT, THEY MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ATTENDING ANY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS.