

Brighton Primary School Sports Policy

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Brighton Primary School Sports Policy

School sport is an opportunity for children to enjoy and benefit from participation in a sport to enable them to develop skills, self-esteem, fun, fitness and friendships. Brighton Primary provides a range of activities for children to participate in and relies on adult volunteers from the school community to coach, manage and support teams. Without the commitment of volunteers our children would not be able to play sport. This School Sports Policy outlines the opportunities, responsibilities and commitments required by players, parents, officials and spectators. It is a condition that all children and adults agree to abide by this policy when participating or assisting school sport teams.

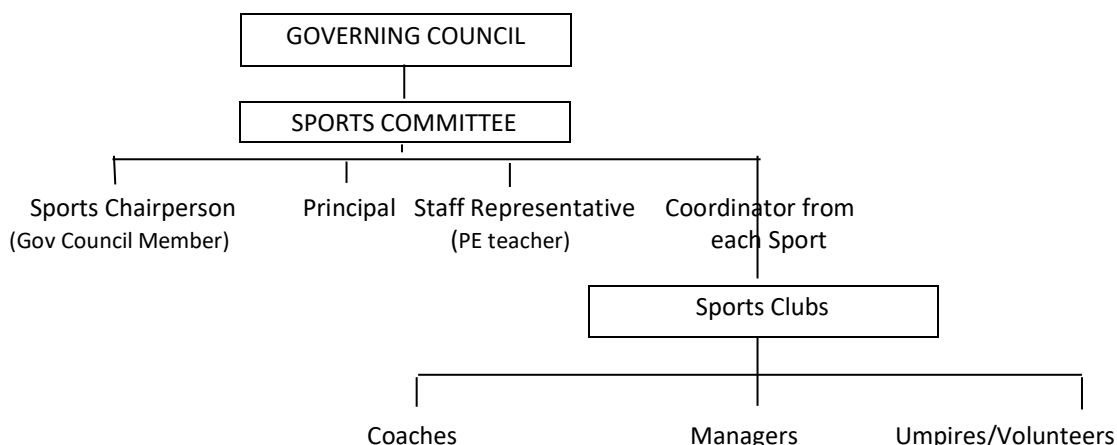
The key objectives are for our students are:

- To provide a safe, healthy and friendly sporting environment that encourages personal achievement and develops self-esteem and confidence.
- To improve personal fitness and develop games skills.
- To enable children to participate in sport, regardless of ability, within age restrictions.
- To encourage cooperation through the development of team skills.
- To provide the opportunity to learn appropriate sporting behaviour

Implementation of the Brighton Primary School Sports Policy

All students, parents, supporters and staff at Brighton Primary who are associated with school sports are expected to support the school policy. Should you read this policy and have a question unanswered, please contact the school on 8296 3614 who will direct your call to the relevant staff member.

Brighton Primary School Sports Management Structure



Extra-Curricular Sports Offered

- SUMMER SPORT – Terms 1 & 4:
 - CRICKET Yrs. 2* - 7 (T1 & 4)
 - T-BALL Yrs. R - 5 (T1 & 4)
- WINTER SPORTS Terms 2 & 3:
 - AFL FOOTBALL Yrs. 3* - 7 (T2 & 3)
 - NETBALL - Yrs. 3 - 7 (T2 & 3)
 - SOCCER - Yrs. 3* - 7 (T2 & 3)
- SPORTS OFFERED ALL YEAR:
 - BASKETBALL - Yrs. 1 – 7* (T1, T2 & 3, T4)
 - VOLLEYBALL Yrs. 4 - 7 (T1, T2 & 3, T4)
 - RUN CLUB - Yrs. R – 7* (T1, T2, T3, T4)
- SPECIALISED SPORT
 - Pedal Prix Yr 6 & 7

* Indicates a sport that can choose to include players from Year 2 who are turning 8 years old in the current year.

Sports Fees

Brighton Primary School Sport aims to incorporate as many students as possible across the sports teams and events we offer. We aim to keep costs at a minimum. We rely on volunteers to coach and team manage to keep our costs down and keep our community involvement high. Payment plans are available for sports fees, so please liaise with our Finance office should you require any assistance or extended timeframe to pay. Sports outlined in this policy are an optional activity which is not an essential part of the curriculum.

Your registration form will ask you to agree to the following : I am aware that this is an optional activity which is not an essential part of the curriculum and that unless payment or a written commitment to pay has been received by the invoiced due date, that my child will not participate in this sport. I therefore agree to pay the amount of \$(sports fee).

SAPSASA & Interschool Events held during school hours

Brighton Primary School is affiliated with SAPSASA. We are one of the schools that make up the South West District. As we are an affiliated member, students at Brighton, whether as individuals or in teams, are given the opportunity to compete at a higher level. This may occur through the student being selected in his or her district team or through team involvement in Knockout competitions.

Communication for SAPSASA information will occur through the school Newsletter, direct from our PE teacher to students, or via the classroom teacher. You can also access information on the SAPSASA website. Sports which form district representative teams include soccer, netball, AFL, hockey, tennis, cricket and softball. Individual Sports are athletics, cross country and swimming. State Championships are available for basketball, cross country, diving, swimming, track and field.

The SAPSASA Selection Policy for Brighton Primary School directs this process. Up to date information is available at the following website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport/sports-and-competitions/sapsasa-state-carnivals-and-state-championships-eligibility-and-selection>

SAPSASA Guidelines for Selection are:

Individual sports

Children must be turning 10 in the year of competition. Individual sports are athletics, cross country and swimming championships.

Team sports

Team sports selection for each district team should: give equal consideration to year 6 and 7 students. give preference to a year 7 student if there is no clear difference in ability compared to a year 6 student.

Year 5 students that meet the age criteria of turning 11 in the year of competition can only be selected if there are not enough suitable players in year 6 and 7, and if the primary school sport manager approves it.

Students are asked to nominate for teams that are involved in knockout competitions, trials and carnivals. Noting, not all sports fall under the SAPSASA program (e.g. rugby, soccer and volleyball). Hockey, Softball, Cricket and Tennis bodies ask teachers to give trial information to students who believe they might make a district team.

Once students have nominated themselves the school may choose to hold trials. At times the trials are merely a formality and a chance to practise as the numbers interested might be low or high. The teacher coordinating SAPSASA/Sport Carnivals/Knockouts can choose to involve parents/coaches/managers who are currently working within each sport. They may also choose to involve staff who have an interest/expertise in each sport. Factors that may support a student being selected could include: * attendance at meetings and practise sessions * year level based * attitude to the sport and school * behaviour * skill level e.g. game sense.

Preference and priority will be given to students who represent Brighton Primary in our sporting teams. We are aware this is not always possible, given the demands of personal situations.

There is a fee associated with these events and these fees vary between the sports and if transport is included. A note will be sent home summarising all details of the day and payment requirements.

Other Associated Groups

Any sporting groups offering programs at Brighton Primary School, both within and outside of school hours, must abide by the overall sports policy including aspects of behaviour management, safe adult/child ratios, first aid and supervision.

The following organisations also play a significant role in the development and provision of school sporting programs:

- Department for Education and Children’s Development (DECD)
- South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA)
- Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)
- Aussie Sports
- South Australian Sports Institute (SASI)
- Australian Sports Commission

The Principal’s Role

The **PRINCIPAL** of Brighton Primary School will:

- recognise and acknowledge the high value placed on sport by the school community
- ensure that the school Sports Policy is implemented, monitored and periodically reviewed
- provide advice to School Council and the Sports Committee as required
- ensure that effective communication exists between the school, the relevant managers of sports clubs, the sports committee, and students and parents.
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Role of the School Governing Council and Sports Committee

A member of the School Council is elected each year as the Convenor of the Sports Committee. Membership of the Sports Committee includes a staff representative and a nominated parent representative from each Sports Club attached to the school. The Convenor reports to School Council so that the council can meet its obligation to approve the operation of school sports. Sports Committee meetings are held on a regular basis.

The **GOVERNING COUNCIL**, through the work of the Sports Committee will:

- ensure that the school’s sporting activities operate within the *National Junior Sports Policy* and associated guidelines for age-appropriate participation and modified rules
- endorse the establishment of the various sports clubs attached to the school, ensuring each team has a coach/manager
- be made aware of the names of parents and community members involved in coaching and managing school sports teams
- present an annual report of income and expenditure of each sports club at the AGM.
- monitor the use of school and club resources
- encourage and support financially parent participation in coaching clinics and First Aid courses.

The **SPORTS COMMITTEE**, through the parent coordinator of each Sport, will:

- actively supporting this sports policy and our code of behaviour
- liaise with the relevant sporting body to coordinate teams (e.g. South West District Soccer Association, SANFL, etc)
- coordinate any volunteer referees and/or paid umpires where needed (paid in conjunction with the school finance office)
- encourage student enjoyment
- ensure there is an equal opportunity for all children within each individual sport

The SPORT'S COORDINATOR will:

- Actively support this sports policy and our code of behaviour
- Manage the individual sport's bookkeeping and asset. Recording income and expenditure and preparing an Annual Financial Report for the AGM for internal purposes
- Annually determine, communicate and review the breakdown of costs associated with the effective running of each team. This includes costs of uniforms, umpires, and any consequent season or match fees.
- Annually auditing all resources and communicating these to the sports committee.
- Ensuring each team has access to relevant safety and first aid equipment, plus all resources and keys required for the sport.
- generating additional funds to enhance and maintain the resources required to support and increase participation and following guidelines for banking of funds.
- Coordinating the end of season celebration with regards to date, venue, catering, trophies, communication
- Report via the chair to the Council any unresolved grievances regarding unacceptable conduct associated with any sports.
- Actively and effectively communicate details regarding the sport from the start of the registrations to the end of season celebrations
- Ensure each team has a coach and/or manager to provide a structure for each team. The coach and team manager require to hold a current valid DCSI Child related clearance.

The COACH and TEAM MANAGER have responsibility for:

- support the development of age-appropriate skills and cooperative team skills
- assist the development of an awareness and understanding of "fair play"
- provide opportunities for children with special needs to access skills coaching and to participate successfully in competitive events
- ensure that boys and girls are given an equal opportunity to participate
- promoting and encouraging the achievements of all students who participate
- informing parents of changes to games or practices, rules variations etc.
- Managing the allocated resources (eg uniforms, kit bags) and respecting the use of shared facilities and resources
- Communicating with the coordinator any issues or opportunity for recognition, improvement, and any grievances or concerns
- Communicating with the parents and caregivers about game time., location, duties and uniform
- Ensuring they have a valid DCSI Child related clearance (available through the school)
- Providing information when requested to the Sports Coordinator regarding team dynamics, game updates etc

Each SPORT has responsibility for:

- abiding by the sports policy and code of behaviour
- abiding by the Brighton Primary School "Sun Smart Policy"

Each Sport is responsible for covering its own associated costs. These costs include:

- administration and registration of teams
- umpire fees
- uniforms, as required
- trophies, pennants, ribbons and/or certificates
- when relevant, a negotiated contribution towards the cost of preparing playing surfaces
- token gifts for coaches, manager and other volunteers.
- end of season celebration

Funds are generated by: parent contributions for player fees; fundraising activities like sausage sizzles, etc. All monies collected by clubs are to be deposited into the school funds in the Brighton Primary School Extra- Curricular Sport budget line.

Volunteers Supporting our Sports & DCSI Child Related Clearance

Our Extra-Curricular Sports are all managed and supported by volunteer parents and carers from our school. This means that every Sport Coordinator, Coach and Team Manager donate their time, energy and skills in assisting all our children have the opportunity to be involved in school based sports. We are very grateful for all the support we have enabling us to offer the following sports and we look forward to expanding our support base.

We encourage and welcome any parent or care giver willing to assist us. Our guidelines are; all players, coaches, managers, spectators and coordinators adhere to our sporting code of behaviour and this, our sports policy, when representing our school; and that all our coaches, team managers and coordinators have a current DCSI clearance.

If you are interested in involving yourself in the capacity of team manager, coach or sport coordinator for any of our school sports, please obtain a DCSI Clearance. To check on the validity of your existing DCSI Clearance, or apply for one, please contact Heather or Sarah in the Front Office on 8296 3614, or contact the relevant sports coordinator. This is an online application that only requires your full name, DOB and email address to get the ball rolling. The form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Once submitted the clearance generally takes 3-6 weeks to arrive. BPS covers the cost of this clearance. This DCSI Clearance also gives you the option of attending excursions and camps, as well as support our students in SAPSASA and interschool sporting carnival's and events. Our parent support base is very valuable and important to our school. We are grateful for the community we have that volunteer to support our students.

Training

Please be aware that training held after school is not an alternative to OSHC. Training is conducted by our coaches. Please ensure your child has an after-school snack if they need, and you are on hand to assist your child. Siblings are not be left in the duty of care of the coach. Please ensure a parent or carer is available throughout training unless organised with the coach or team manager. All parents & carers are responsible for collecting their child at the agreed time. If the child is not collected, the coach will send the child to OSCH.

Transport Requirements

Each Sports Group has the responsibility to privately arrange and oversee transport to and from venues where their sport takes place. The following needs to be considered:

- Parents transporting children have the responsibility to ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy
- Children are to be transported by experienced drivers. Under no circumstances can children be driven in a vehicle driven by a person to whom "L" or "P" plates apply
- Children's parents will be informed of the transportation arrangements and will thus be given the opportunity to permit or not permit their children to be transported
- No child can be conveyed in a private vehicle unless a seatbelt is available. Each child must wear the seatbelt provided in the vehicle whilst being transported
- At no time will an excess number of children be permitted to travel in a vehicle
- Comprehensive Insurance is the responsibility of the driver/owner, as no claims can be made against the School or Education Department.

Approved child restraints:

From 1 July 2010, drivers must ensure children are secured in the following restraints when travelling in a motor vehicle

Four to seven years - Forward facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness **or** Booster seat and be restrained with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt or child safety harness.

Seven years and older - Move the child to a seatbelt only when they are tall enough for it to fit properly - i.e. around 140 cm tall.

All members of each school sport are expected to abide by the following codes of behaviours which have been taken from the *Department of Education and Child Development SAPSASA - Codes of Behaviour*:

FOR PLAYERS:

- * Be a good sport.
- * Play for enjoyment.
- * Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- * Treat all team-mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- * Play by the rules.
- * Co-operate with team and game officials.
- * Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- * Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement
- * Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used, e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, Facebook, email and texts

FOR TEACHERS, COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS:

- * Set a good example for your players.
 - * Encourage and create opportunities.
 - * Teach a wide range of team skills.
 - * Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the players involved *
- Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- * Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games.
 - * Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable.
 - * Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.

FOR PARENTS:

- * Encourage participation by your children.
- * Provide a model of good sporting spirit for your child to copy.
- * Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- * Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- * Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- * Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.

FOR SPECTATORS:

- * Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- * Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- * Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- * Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- * Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters

Any perceived breach of the Code of Behaviour will follow the grievance policy. Please liaise with your team coach or manager, and if not resolved, escalate to the sport coordinator, the school extra-curricular sports coordinator, or to the Sports Committee Chairperson.

If concerns are of a serious nature, escalate directly to the Principal of Brighton Primary School on 8296 3614.

Governing Council Committees such as the Sports Committee are reviewed by and are answerable to the Governing Council.

The sporting committee, parents and students are required to follow the sporting code of behaviours which governs all sporting teams in South Australia.

If you have a complaint the following process should be followed

Step 1

- In a respectful manner contact the relevant coach or team manager and convey your concerns
- If you feel uneasy with this option, or if you feel your concern has not been resolved please contact the Sports Coordinator and convey your concerns.
- If you feel your concern has not been resolved proceed to step 2

Step 2

- Contact the school's Sports Liaison Coordinator through the school on 8296 3614 or via email on bpssportscomm@gmail.com, and/or contact the School Leadership in writing addressing your concerns.
- The Sports Liaison Coordinator and/or the School Leadership will contact you to address your concerns, and will convene a meeting if required to resolve the grievance

Step 3

- If the issue is still not resolved contact the Parent Complaint Unit of DECD on 1800 677 435 or email Education.EducationComplaint@sa.gov.au
- The complaint unit will: assess your complaint, work with you to decide what action is needed, let you know what has been done and when you can expect to hear about the outcome, advise you about how you can escalate your concerns if you haven't been satisfied by the outcome.

Refer to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) for up to date weather information

<http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml>

PE Lessons throughout school time:

- Continue if indoor in the hall during all weather conditions
- Occur outdoor if no severe weather warning issued for that time, and if temperature for the day is forecast to be 35°C or above (as per the BOM at 8am on the day)

Training / Practice Sessions held before or after school:

All outdoor practices are cancelled if:

- The BOM reports at 8am that the estimated peak temperature is to be 35°C or above for Adelaide
- The BOM issues a weather warning for severe weather (hail, damaging wind, etc) that applies during that period of training

All indoor training sessions continue

Individual Extra-Curricular Sports have the following guidelines for games:

Sport	Guideline for cancellations	Communication to our players via
AFL Football	All games will be played in the rain Cancelled in the event of severe weather conditions	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Basketball	If the BOM forecast for the day at 8am is 35°C or above	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Cricket	Kanga Cricket – C Grade: If the BOM forecast for the day at 8am is 35°C or above A & B Grade: Negotiated between schools and coaches	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Netball	Cancelled in the event of severe weather conditions forecast by the BOM at 1pm, and warning is effective during game time. Cancelled notification comes from by the South West District Netball Association by 1.30pm.	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Run Club	If the BOM forecast for the day at 8am is 35°C or above The BOM issues a weather warning for severe weather during the time of Run Club	See Facebook
Soccer	All games will be played in the rain Cancelled in the event of severe weather conditions	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Tee ball	Cancelled if Channel 7 Friday night news at 6pm forecasts temperatures is 36°C or above	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager
Volleyball	Indoor Gyms Yr 6-7: Play goes ahead Outdoor Beach Courts Yr 4-5: Cancelled at 37°C via the BOM. Goes ahead with light rain. Volleyball SA makes the decision re cancellations	Sports Coordinator Coach / Team Manager



Left to right standing:

Tee ball, Cricket A & B Grade, Extra-curricular Basketball, SAPSAPSA Basketball, Extra-Curricular AFL, SAPSAPSA AFL, Volleyball, Netball, Netball

Left to right seated:

Tee ball, Cricket (C & D Grade), SAPSASA Basketball, Soccer, Soccer, Volleyball



Top:

AFL – Footy

Left: Extra Curricular Football
Right: SAPSASA/similar events

Guernsey on loan through the school

AFL is available to all students in Years 3-7.

Winter Season Term 2 & 3

Middle:

Basketball

Left and Right: Extra Curricular Basketball

Middle: SAPSASA / Similar events

Singlets on loan through the school

Basketball available to students in Years 1 – 7

Summer Season Term 1 & 4

Winter Season Term 2 & 3

Bottom:

Cricket

Left: Grade C & D

Middle: Grade A & B

Right: Kanga Cricket

Whites are purchased by parents

Cricket is available to students in Years 2-7

Summer Season Term 1 & 4



Top:

Netball:

Left and Right: Extra Curricular Tops worn with black skirt or shorts

Middle: Extra Curricular Top worn with gold netball skirt
Skirt on loan through the school coordinator

Netball is available to all students in Years 3-7.
Winter Season Term 2 & 3

Middle:

Soccer

Gold Soccer jersey, black shorts, gold and black striped socks

Jersey on loan through the school coordinator

Soccer is available to students in Years 2* – 7
(Child must turn 8 in year of playing)

Winter Season Term 2 & 3

Bottom:

Tee ball

Yellow polo shirt or extra-curricular top and black shorts, skirt, leggings, tracksuit pants.
Caps available for purchase through sports coordinator for game wear only

Tee ball is available to students in Years Reception - 5

Summer Season Term 1 & 4



Volleyball

Extra-curricular top and black shorts

Volleyball is available to students in Years 4 - 7

Summer Season Term 1 & 4
Winter Season Terms 2 & 3