

# **CHRISTCHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION**

## **POLICY FOR WEDNESDAY SPORT**

**(These policy guidelines also apply as appropriate to other weekly competitions organised by School Sport Canterbury, notably Basketball and Volleyball)**

**Objective:** To maximise enjoyable participation in a structured competitive environment.

**Rationale:** The Wednesday competitions are conducted:

- 1 To provide sporting opportunities for students in a variety of sports in which no other secondary school competition exists.
- 2 To provide alternative sporting opportunities for students who participate in other mainstream sporting competitions.

**Guidelines:**

- 1 Entries will be accepted from all schools which are financial partners to School Sport Canterbury.
- 2 Students are to be enrolled in Year 9 - 13 and participating in an approved course at the school. Students are to be under 19 as at 1 January in the year of competition. Some dispensation may be allowed for full time second year 13 students.
- 3 Wednesday sport is competitive, and all competitions will reflect this by either being drawn in a round robin format or by culminating in a climactic event (eg finals and play-offs, championship event).
- 4 It is expected that team composition will remain constant throughout the season, including for finals and play-offs. Where players replacements are made for unavoidable reasons (eg students leaving schools, injuries,.) the replacement is expected to be of a similar standard to the player being replaced. Students new to the school during the season may be added to a team at any time.[semi finals & finals excepted]
- 5 The Regional Sports Directors' will set such charges as are necessary to cover the costs of each competition if sponsorship money is not sufficient to cover these costs.
- 6 The Head of Sport / school Sports Co-ordinator is responsible for authenticating all entries from the school.

7 In compiling draws when a competition is split into sections, the teams will be divided using the following criteria:

- a team strength as nominated by schools with entry
- b spread of multiple teams from the same school

The preferred model is zonal for preliminary rounds followed by play-offs between zones.

8 Schools should advise the School Sport Canterbury office well in advance if it is known that a team will be unavailable on a particular day. This information will also be sought at the time entries are taken, and, when possible, incorporated into the draw.

9 **Travelling:** All schools entering a competition must accept their fair share of the travel involved. Country schools accept that the competitions are town based, and that the bulk of games will be drawn at town venues. The Regional Sports Directors' will monitor carefully travel to these schools to ensure that town schools are not required to travel excessively to country venues, and will localise travel as far as possible [eg VILL to LINC (cf ARAN), PPNU to KAIA (cf CASH)]. When a town school is unable to provide "home venues" sufficient for its teams to be drawn at home and away, it must accept the need to travel.

Particular and reasonable requests regarding co-ordination of travel will be met wherever possible in draw compilation provided they are made when entries are taken.

10 **Supervision:** Teams are required to be under the supervision of a teacher, adult or senior student who is responsible to a staff member. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure supervision is adequate at all times.

11 **Uniform:** Teams are expected to wear their school sports uniform for all sport.

12 **Code Of Behaviour:**

- i) No rough play (any complaints regarding rough play are to be reported to the school principal).
- ii) No bad language is allowed; barracking should be positive (ie supporting the team) not negative (abusing the opposition). A coach or referee has the right to impose penalties if the barracking is negative.
- iii) The conduct of all teams should reflect the Fair Play Sport Charter of New Zealand which has been adopted by many schools. The Codes of Conduct outlined by Sport New Zealand and the School Sport Canterbury "Codes of Behaviour" outlined in this directory and also on the School Sport Canterbury website for all players, officials, coaches, and school sports community.

- 13       **Hours Of Play:** Games to start at 3.15pm (3.30pm at the latest); games should finish by 5.00pm at the latest. In some sports where venues are limited, games are scheduled on a consecutive basis commencing at 3.00pm. Variations to these recommended times should be by mutual agreement prior to play commencing.
- 14       **Cancellation:** Regional Sports Directors' is to make a decision regarding cancellation before 12noon on a sport to sport basis. The decision may be to issue a "late" cancellation notice should the weather subsequently unexpectedly dramatically deteriorates at 1.00pm. Schools are then notified by email message and cancellation uploaded onto the School Sport Canterbury APP and website as soon as possible.
- 15       **Defaults**
- a       Must be avoided except for genuine and serious reasons.
  - b       The latest acceptable time to advise an opposing school of a default is 12noon. Notification to the school either by email or phone call is required and also to the Regional Sports' Directors office.
  - c       If a default occurs by a school without notifying their opposition as to the cause of the default:
    - i)       The school that was defaulted against contacts the Regional Sports Directors' office within 48 hours.
    - ii)      The Regional Sports Directors' office will contact to the Sports Co-ordinator of the school seeking a reason for the default, with copy mailed to the Principal.
  - d       The Regional Sports Directors' Office will also follow up instances of multiple defaults from both individual schools and individual teams.
- 16       The Head of Sport / Sports Co-ordinator will ensure a full set of results is entered into the online results package by Thursday 1.00pm. Results will be recorded, full results published and successful teams acknowledged at the conclusion of the season.

**Conclusion:**

The credibility of the Wednesday sporting competitions depends upon quality administration from both schools and the Regional Sports Director's Office. Continued and future participation in sport by secondary school students is often dependent upon quality sporting experiences.

Should individuals or schools believe this policy has been infringed by an opposing school, and have been unable to satisfactorily resolve the situation by mutual discussion, they should advise the Regional Sports Directors' in writing of the circumstances leading to the infringement. The Regional Sports Directors' will then take whatever action he or she considers appropriate.