

## **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. Please refer to our Bylaws.
- 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 SHIR) 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 The New to School quotas identified for each sport, pertain to the whole squad for the duration of the tournament or competition. The rotation of different new to school players taking to the field of play for different games is not permitted. School Team Eligibility criteria A school team eligible to compete in School Sport Canterbury sanctioned events must not exceed the quota of students new to the school in the 2 years preceding the first day of the event as specified in the table below. For clarity, the student's most recent enrolment date at the school must be used. For the sport listed. teams are limited to a maximum two (2) non domestic students (or one for sports with a quota of one) and any non-domestic student must always be included in the quota allowed. Refer to the School Sport NZ eligibility numbers: <https://www.nzsssc.org.nz/Sport-1/Events/Eligibility-Regulations>

- 11 **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.

- 12 **Health & Safety:** Schools are responsible for the health and safety of their students in transit to and from and at the venue. Game officials are responsible for the safety of students during play. Please refer to the SSC Risk Management plan for Indoor and Outdoor sports, available on the documents page of the SSC website. SSC will provide a venue controller at each of the venues where multiple games are played e.g. Hagley Netball, Pioneer Basketball. Schools using their own facilities for inter-school games are required to have completed the annual venue attestation form, as requested by SSC and to ensure that a suitably qualified person is available to manage the venue.

Covid-19 - All students entering School Sport Canterbury delivered or sanctioned events and competitions will be required to be fully vaccinated. This decision will then be reviewed at its next meeting in term one 2022, with a view to the winter season and considering the latest Government advice. Any coach, manager or official provided by the school will need to be fully vaccinated as per the Education mandate. This will be the responsibility of the school to uphold.

All schools must adhere to the Covid -19 protection framework / Alert Level requirements in place at each venue used. These may include specific hygiene requirements, contact tracing, social distancing and gathering size limits.

Refer to Sport New Zealand guidelines to sport and recreation:  
<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/overview/>.

View the latest protocol details: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

For further details please refer to the SSC Covid-19 and Risk Management plans, available on the documents page of the SSC Website.

Injury and Incident Report Schools are required to notify SSC of any injury sustained, by a player/s requiring on-going treatment or hospitalisation, by completing the Incident /Injury report form available on the Documents and Links page on the SSC Website.

- 13 **Uniform:** Teams are expected to wear their school sports uniform for all levels of sport. Teams playing in social grades will have flexibility to wear nonmatching active clothing but with matching bibs for team identification.
- 14 **Code of Behaviour:**  
The conduct of all players, coaches, spectators, supporters and officials should reflect the SSC Codes of Behaviour as printed in the directory and available on the SSC website.
- 15 **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.
- 16 **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 deteriorate at 1.00pm. Schools are then notified by email message and cancellation uploaded onto the School Sport Canterbury APP and website as soon as practical.
- 17 **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, and any commercial venue [Indoor Football & Netball]. Hire costs are likely to be added to the defaulting school at the end of the term to their school accounts.
  - 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.
- e Schools' are to notify the Regionals Sports Directors' Office if the team is no longer viable to continue the remainder of the competition.

18 **Results** The Head of Sport / Sports Co-ordinator will ensure a full set of results is entered into the online results package by 1.00pm. on the day following each game (Monday for Friday Basketball) 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.

### References:

School Sport Canterbury ByLaws – refer to this link

<https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/policies/>

Individual sports' information and rules can be found on our website

<https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/>

