



St. Patrick's College Sports Policy

Overview

This policy provides the expected practice of all members of the school community in regards to representing St Patrick's College in sport.

Sport at the College aims to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, both on a competitive and social level.

St Patrick's College provides many opportunities in individual and team sports and the hope is that every student who participates in sport is assisted in their development as an individual outside the confines of the classroom.

As outlined on the original enrolment form, parents enter into a legal contract with the College and agree to support a range of school policies, including the sport policy.

Students are required to give first priority to College sport over club/community teams while attending school.

St Patrick's College sees itself playing a vital role in the student's progression in sport, and where possible encourages the links developed with community based sport.

The College ensures a suitable adult is present at all venues and is responsible for the managing and/or coaching of the various teams.

Many common themes exist throughout the various sports, and the College believes that sport should be fun and enjoyable and offers an important avenue for students to grow and develop both physically and socially.

A high value is placed upon co-curricular activities at the College. Sport offers a vehicle for students to meet some of the challenges outlined in the College Mission Statement.

- We take pride in our rich Catholic heritage and traditions
- We value, support and respect each member of our community
- We encourage each student to achieve their potential
- We develop leadership skills, initiative, and accountability
- We strive for equality and justice for all members of the community
- We seek and promote healthy and effective communication and consultative processes

Participation and Representing the College

Students are provided with the opportunity to be involved in a variety of sporting activities throughout the year. St. Patrick's College is affiliated within the sporting bodies of Northern Sports Association Tasmanian Independent Schools (NSATIS), Sports Association Tasmanian Independent Schools (SATIS) and Northern High Schools Sports Association (NHSSA) while also participating in other organisation's rosters.

St. Patrick's College expects the following from all students in regards to participation:

- As per the St Patrick's College Enrolment Policy, students are expected to represent the College in their chosen sports. Representing the College should take priority over club representation.
- At a senior level (Year 10 to 12) all students are expected to play for Senior College teams that they are selected in ahead of their Club representation.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, students that are required at senior firsts level in a particular sport will not be permitted to play another sport at a lower level (ie, seconds football instead of firsts soccer).
- All students that sign up for a sport are making a commitment to attend all trainings and matches. If they cannot attend a game or training all relevant supervisors must be notified. Students are expected to adhere to all unavailable /absent protocols and if this is not followed disciplinary action will be taken.
- Exemptions from playing sport for the College will only be given if the student is representing at an elite state, national or international level. This exemption would normally only be given on a weekly basis and would not cover a whole season. Parents should contact the Sport Person In Charge (PIC) or Sport Coordinator for permission and provide explanation for the reason of exemption.
- A St Patrick's College, students should not compete against his or her College in a roster match unless they are not selected for the school side.
- Students who fail to fulfil their sporting commitments will be expected to provide satisfactory reason to the Coach, PIC of Sport, Sport Coordinator and the Principal.

Uniform

Pre and post game attire (College uniform/PE uniform) is to be worn in full. All students who represent the College are expected to be in the correct playing attire for that sport. Any student who arrives at a game in incorrect uniform will not be permitted to take the field.

Team Selection Policy

Students will be selected according to the coaches decision. Students will be selected primarily according to their ability, within their age group. Other factors such as dependability, maturity, organisation and motivation may be taken into account.

If students are absent from school on training days or day prior to competition they must make contact with their coach and inform them of their availability on match day.

Coaches / Managers / Assistants

Accreditation

The College aspires to have all coaches accredited and will assist any parent who wishes to gain qualifications in their particular sport.

Working with Vulnerable People Act 2013

It is mandatory that all individuals directly responsible for the supervision of students obtain a Working with Vulnerable People registration. This is done at no cost to individual volunteers and all paper work is available at the front office. Further enquires regarding this can be directed to the Human Resources or Sports Coordinator.

Sport Captain Selection

Seniors

The selected captain of each senior firsts team is normally the overall captain of their sports within the College community. A male captain and a female captain will be selected in sports where competition is gender specific.

Selection Process

Any regular member of a senior team has the right to nominate for captaincy of their team. It is not to be automatically assumed that a year 12 student will hold this position, however in many circumstances year 12 students are ideal candidates. This process involves completing a captaincy nomination form. The selection panel will involve senior coach, PIC of Sport, Sport Coordinator and if necessary the team manager. The selected individual will then be interviewed by the Principal prior to a formal appointment / announcement being made.

After Match Functions (Afternoon Tea)

Students are not permitted to attend the after match functions of the first football, soccer, netball, cricket and state finals unless they play in that particular team, or an immediate family member plays in that team. All team members are required to attend all after match functions.

Extended Sickness/ Medical Certificates

Occasionally students may become sick or injured and are unable to participate in games/training. So the individual does not feel “left out” they will be placed on ‘official duties’ within their sport and are still required to attend the match venue.

Insurance – Medical and Other

Parents are reminded that the College has an Insurance Policy which covers students of the College for a limited range of benefits, but is only supplementary to Medicare and Private Health cover. It does not supersede Medicare and Private Health Insurance.

Water Bottles

Each student is required to provide their own drink bottle for matches. It is against health regulations to share bottles. College water bottles are available from the clothing store.

Awards

At the season’s end each sport offers an awards presentation to conclude, summarise and highlight the achievements of each team.

Registrations

Registration days are held prior to the summer and winter rosters. On these days students will be given information regarding the sport meeting they attended and signed up for. The sport outline document contains all necessary information relating to each sport and each age group, details on correct uniform, practice days, times and venues, the coach/manager and a written consent for parents/guardians.

SATIS and NSATIS

These are the Sports Boards responsible for the administration of sport within the Independent Schools structure. These bodies have additional rules and conditions that remain sport specific and must be adhered to. Each sport has additional guidelines. Students will be told of these additional rules. The SATIS have a Code of Ethics for Inter-school competition, including the following points which are to be adhered to at all sporting events in which SATIS schools participate.

SATIS Code of Ethics for Inter-School Competitions

1. All conventions of courtesy associated with a sport should be emphasised in the coaching and management of a team. Teams should be punctual, welcomed by the home school, shown to change rooms etc.
2. Coaches and/or managers of teams should introduce themselves to opposition coaches and/or managers prior to the commencement of any fixture conducted under the auspices of S.A.T.I.S.
3. Home schools should show courtesy to visiting spectators as well as players. Visitors, in turn, must respect the host school's premises and rules in matters of parking, tidiness, access to buildings, playing areas and change rooms.
4. Bad language and behaviour not within the spirit of the game, from any source, is not acceptable and should be acted upon immediately by officials and/or coaches.
5. Umpires' decisions are to be placed without comment by players, coaches and spectators.
6. Booing, whistling or use of noise/musical instruments is not permitted.
7. Coaches or designated officials are the only people permitted to coach during a game, within regulations specific to that sport.
8. Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their parents and supporters. Designated school representatives should act immediately to control inappropriate behaviour.
9. The highest standards dress by competitors will be enforced by each member school. Competitors will wear the correct school colours in the recognised design of clothing and equipment appropriate for a particular sport.

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