

# **School Sport Policy**

#### GOALS FOR SPORT:

- To promote mass participation.
- To help develop a true love for and enjoyment of the sport.
- To develop good sportsmanship, camaraderie and perseverance.
- To develop skills.
- To offer quality coaching through the latest techniques, coaching courses and clinics.
- To realize and develop our children's talents.
- To promote the image of our school.

#### **Team Sports**

- Rugby
- Netball
- Girls Hockey
- Boys Hockey
- Boys Cricket (Seniors)
- The following teams will be selected in each sport:
- Girls Cricket (1 senior team)
- u/9 Hardball Cricket
- Mini Cricket
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer

<u>Rugby</u>	<u>Netball</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Cricket</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
		<u>Hockey</u>	<u>Hockey</u>		<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Soccer</u>
u/7	u/7	u/7	u/7	u/7 (Mini)	u/7	u/7
u/8	u/8	u/8	u/8	u/8 (Mini)	u/8	u/8
u/9	u/9	u/9	u/9	u/9 (Mini)	u/9	u/9
u/10	u/10	u/10		u/11 B	u/11B	u/11B
u/11	u/11	u/11	u/11	u/11 A	u/11A	u/11A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team	4 <sup>th</sup> team		(Combined			
(if possible)	3 <sup>rd</sup> team		u/10 and u/11)			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> team	2 <sup>nd</sup> team		2 <sup>nd</sup> team		
1 <sup>st</sup> Team						
				Senior Girls		
				u/9 Hardball		

#### Practices:

- All learners must play an active part in the practice. Coaches must ensure that all learners get an opportunity to develop and show improvement during the practices.
- No practices may be cancelled on the day. If a practice cannot continue due to weather or other unforeseen reasons, a message will be sent via the office after consultation with the sport head and the principal. This decision will be taken at 12:30.
- All team practices must be planned and well structured. Learner's skills must be developed and team dynamics must be coached during practice.
- Coaches and learners must be suitably dressed for practice.
- Parents must inform the coach, timeously, in writing, if a learner is not able to attend the practice. Verbal messages via friends are not acceptable.
- Learners who stay away from practices, without a legitimate reason, place themselves in the position of being moved down to a lower team or not being considered for the following match.

# Team Selection and Matches:

- Team selection is the sole responsibility of the appointed coach. No parent may be involved in team selection.
- The "A" side will be selected on merit.
- The "B" side will be selected out of the remaining learners. This team must be rotated so that all learners who attend practices get an opportunity to play a match. "B" team players are selected as reserves for the "A" team.
- All teams must have reserves for all matches. All reserves must be used unless a learner has played in a lower team on the day.
- On tour, all players will play at least one full game.
- All players will receive written notices with their name on, or a team list on the team WhatsApp group when they play a match.
- No learners may participate outside their age group.
- No overage player may be selected for a team.

### Mini-sport festivals (Winter sports)

- At least 2 teams must be entered for any Mini-Sport festival.
- The "A" side will be selected on merit.
- The "B" side will be selected out of the remaining learners. This team must be rotated so that all learners who attend practices get an opportunity to play a match. "B" team players are selected as reserves for the "A" team.
- 2 internal fixtures will be arranged during the season. All learners must participate in this fixture.

### Cricket:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team selection

On request from the 1<sup>st</sup> team coaches, a u/11 player may attend the 1<sup>st</sup> team trials.

He may only be selected under the following criteria:

- Before the team is announced, his selection must be discussed with school management.
- He must play an active part in the 1<sup>st</sup> team. e.g. bat in top 6 or be part of the bowling attack.
- He may not play for the u/11 team, but is allowed to attend the u/11 Newcastle Trials.

### u/10 and u/11 Team

The u/10 and u/11 age group will be combined. A u/11A and u/11B team will be selected.

## Girls Cricket

u/10 to u/13 Girls may be selected for the first team as only 1 team is selected

# u/9 Hardball

U/9 Hardball Cricket team will be selected at the end of the Mini-cricket season.

## Athletics

Only performances achieved on the SASSA programme (1<sup>st</sup> Term) will be recognised for achievement prizes. ASA (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> term) achievements will only be recognised during assemblies.

# Cross Country

From 2020 Huttenpark will only participate in the ASA cross country programme. SASSA achievements will only be recognised during assemblies.