

Brighton Primary School Sports Policy

The importance of sport for the physical and emotional development of young children is well recognised. Opportunities for students to access and participate in school sporting competitions are actively promoted and provided at Brighton Primary School because students:

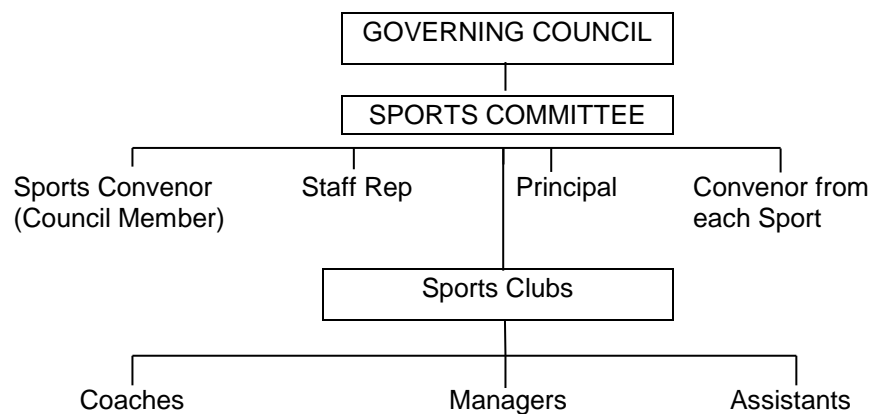
- find sporting competitions enjoyable
- are able to develop physical and coordination skills
- are encouraged to strive for their personal best
- are able to develop their social skills as a member of a team and can develop a sense of self-discipline and self-motivation
- are able to experience a range of sporting options that will assist them in making future decisions about recreation and lifestyle interests.

The provision of a range of sporting opportunities encourages children to broaden rather than just specialise their sporting experience. School based sports are structured to promote enjoyment and participation.

Student access to school sports should not be restricted by a family's financial circumstances or an individual child's capacity or ability to participate.

All children, regardless of ability, have the right to develop the skills to participate in school based sports.

Brighton Primary School Sports Management Structure



Possible List of Sports Offered

- BASKETBALL - Yrs 3 – 7* (T1,2,3 &4)
- VOLLEYBALL Yrs 4-7 (T1, 2,3 &4)
- T-BALL Yrs R-7 (T1 & 4)
- CRICKET Yrs 2-7* (T1 & 4)
- FOOTBALL Yrs 3-7* (T2 & 3)
- SOCCER - Yrs 3 - 7* (T2 & 3)
- NETBALL - Yrs 3 - 7* (T2 & 3)



* (includes Yr 2's who are turning 8 in the current year)

For clarification of the sports policy or for further details please contact the Sports Liaison Teacher on 8296 3614



Implementation of the Brighton Primary School Sports Policy

All students, parents and staff at Brighton who are associated with school sports are expected to support the school policy. Each Sports Club will give a copy of this brochure to all parents as their child commences their involvement with the club. (Sections of this brochure are revised and reprinted periodically in the School Newsletter).

Transport Requirements

Each Sports Club has the responsibility to 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 - ie around 140 cm tall.

Role of the School 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 SCHOOL 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 nominee of each Sports Club, will:

- ensure each team has a coach/manager
- encourage student enjoyment
- 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
- ensure there is an equal opportunity for all children within each individual sport, and
- report to the Council any unresolved grievances regarding unacceptable conduct associated with any sports.

Each SPORTS CLUB has responsibility for:

- structuring themselves as they see fit and for organising and managing their respective sporting competitions. This will include a committee and a coach/manager for each team
- nominating a parent representative for membership of the School Council Sports Committee and for reporting to School Council as necessary
- ensuring each team has access to relevant safety and first aid equipment
- abiding by the Brighton Primary School "Sun Smart Policy"
- determining the breakdown of costs associated with the effective running of each team, uniforms, and any consequent season or match fees
- generating additional funds to enhance and maintain the resources required to support and increase participation
- managing the club's bookkeeping and assets recording income and expenditure and preparing an Annual Financial Report for the AGM for internal purposes
- promoting and encouraging the achievements of all students who participate
- informing parents of changes to games or practices due to weather.

Each Sports Club 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.

Funds are generated by: parent contributions for player fees; fundraising activities like sausage sizzle, regular tea/coffee stalls at matches etc. All monies collected by clubs are deposited into the school funds as budget lines in the Brighton Primary School Council.

The Convenor of the Sports Club Committee should be made aware of and address any grievances and complaints of unacceptable conduct. Unresolved issues of this nature should be referred for attention to the Council Sports Committee.

Unacceptable student behaviour will be referred to the Principal.

SAPSASA

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 or can be found in the SAPSASA website. Sports which form district representative teams include soccer, netball, football, hockey, swimming, athletics, cricket and softball.

The SAPSASA Selection Policy for Brighton Primary School directs this process.

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



Codes of Conduct

All members of each Sports Club are expected to abide by the following codes of behaviours which have been taken from the Australian Sports Commission:

COACHES/MANAGERS CODE

- ◇ Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- ◇ Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- ◇ Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- ◇ Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- ◇ Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- ◇ Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- ◇ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- ◇ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- ◇ Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ◇ Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ◇ Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ◇ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PLAYERS' CODE

- ◇ Play by the rules.
- ◇ Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- ◇ Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.

- ◇ Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- ◇ Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- ◇ Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ◇ Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- ◇ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- ◇ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PARENTS' CODE

- ◇ Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ◇ Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- ◇ Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- ◇ Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ◇ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ◇ Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- ◇ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ◇ Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- ◇ Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- ◇ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

SPECTATORS' CODE

- ◇ Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- ◇ Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- ◇ Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- ◇ Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- ◇ Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

- ◇ Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- ◇ Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- ◇ Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- ◇ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CODE OF ETHICS

It is expected that all matches will be approached in the spirit of fair play and enjoyment by officials, players and coaches and that the competition will be a credit to the game and those who participate in it.

Emphasising winning, especially when children are learning a sport and the skills required, increases pressure and reduces the enjoyment gained from all those involved with the sport.

Any perceived breach of the various codes of conduct should be addressed to the Council Sports Committee or to the Sports Liaison Teacher or the Principal of Brighton Primary School on 8296 3614.



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.

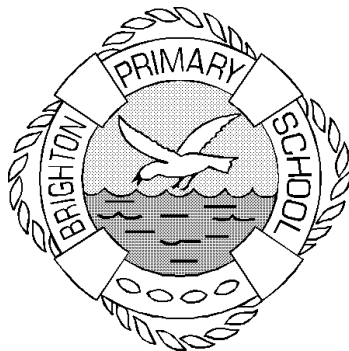


"It is just as important to be a good sport as it is to be good at sport"



SPORTS POLICY

*To support high quality
Sport experiences for all
Brighton Primary School students.*



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Approved by Brighton Primary School Council
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Process for Grievance reports to Governing Council

Governing Council Committees are reviewed by and are answerable to the Governing Council.
The sporting committee, parents and students are required to follow the sporting code of conduct which governs all sporting teams in South Australia.

If you have a complaint the following process should be followed

