



# Bridgewater Primary School

## SAPSASA Policy

(South Australian Primary School Amateur Sporting Association)

### RATIONALE

In order for Bridgewater to be successful and to ensure the safety and welfare of our students, this SAPSASA Policy sets out the roles and responsibilities of all involved in SAPSASA at school level.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SAPSASA?

Bridgewater Primary School students turning 10 - 13 years of age in the calendar year are eligible to participate in SAPSASA sports that year. The majority of our student involvement occurs in the upper primary section of the school.

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students who participate in SAPSASA sports represent their school. Therefore, representation is seen as a privilege and not a right. Students are expected to act in a responsible manner during normal school undertakings in order to be granted this privilege. Student conduct during SAPSASA participation must be in line with school rules and values. The principal retains the right to veto participation based on inappropriate attitude, poor sportsmanship, behaviour or unsatisfactory work ethic.

### SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Within the school, the Principal/Nominee, SAPSASA Coordinator, front office staff and Finance Officer, all have a vital role to play in the organisation of SAPSASA. Below is a set of guidelines that will determine SAPSASA involvement in a school year.

- A staff coordinator is appointed for SAPSASA sport.
- Provide the SAPSASA Coordinator release time to enable the coordination to occur. How this time is accessed will be negotiated between the Principal/Nominee and SAPSASA Coordinator.
- The school SAPSASA Coordinator will meet with the Principal/Nominee as soon as the year's program becomes available, to prepare for coming events. These will be recorded on the yearly calendar.
- Parents will be provided with a copy of the SAPSASA events calendar as soon as it becomes available each year via Diary Dates and the Skoolbag app.
- Participation in knock out competition will be determined on a needs basis.
- All information/notes related to SAPSASA will be distributed by the SAPSASA Coordinator with support from the front office staff.

### SCHOOL SAPSASA COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The school SAPSASA Coordinator will:

- Attend District meetings to ensure the school has access to all relevant information.

- Draw up a calendar of District events; distribute to Sports Coordinators and front office staff, for quick reference.
- Manage all relevant documentation to students and parents for each event.
- Ensure that all appropriate documentation is completed.
- In consultation with the Principal/Nominee nominate suitable coaches/managers for teams and events.

In consultation with the Principal/Nominee and the nominated coach:

- List students who are eligible to compete in SAPSASA events at both a school and District level.
- Inform students of try out dates for District teams.
- Identify coaches and team managers for each event.
- Determine cost of events based on registration and transport needs.
- Negotiate payment process with Finance Officer.
- Ensure that the Principal/Nominee has ample time to approve relevant involvement and approval of coaches.
- Ensure all relevant documentation is completed prior to events and left with the front office staff.
- Identify parents to transport students to events; allocate students to parent transporters; complete the appropriate documentation (including Police Checks) and lodge it with the front office staff.
- Inform coaches that individual students selected in teams must receive equal playing time during competitions.
- Ensure that the nominated coaches are familiar with the school SAPSASA policy.
- Inform the school of outcome of events, and of any related issues (e.g. behaviour) upon return, or on the next school day.

## COACHES/MANAGERS OF SAPSASA TEAMS AND EVENTS

Nominated coaches and managers of teams or events will:

- Liaise with the school SAPSASA Coordinator.
- Be familiar with the SAPSASA Sports Policy and the roles and responsibilities of coaches as outlined in the Bridgewater Sports Policy and SAPSASA Sports Policy.
- Ensure that individual students selected in teams receive equal playing time during competitions.

## SELECTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN SAPSASA KNOCKOUT/DISTRICT/STATE TEAMS

The school supports SAPSASA sports offered during the year. However, the number of sports for which students may nominate will be determined by the Principal/Nominee and SAPSASA Coordinator.

Selection for SAPSASA team sports and District teams will be limited to students in their 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> year, while individual sports such as swimming, athletics and cross country will be open to students in their 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> year.

Students turning 10 in the calendar year may be used to fill **school-based teams** in cases of insufficient numbers based on late withdrawal, illness or exceptional circumstances.

Participation in SAPSASA events is subject to approval by the School Principal.

Team selection will give preference to Year 7 students over Year 6 students.

From 2022 (year 7s in High School) preference will be given to year 6 students over year 5 students.

Preference will be given to students in the higher year level participating in composite year competition (e.g. Year 5/6).

Where selection of players is required, teams must be selected based on an approved lead up training program as coordinated by the SAPSASA Coordinator and nominated coach. Students are required to attend training in order to be considered for selection.

Principal/Nominee to ratify teams prior to nomination.

Where possible Knockout competitions will be scheduled to avoid disruption to identified school programs/events.

Equal playing time must be given to players including reserves who compete in SAPSASA team events.

Students who gain representation in a State Sports Training Camp or State team conducted by SAPSASA may receive a one-off payment of \$50 provided through the Sports Fund.

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